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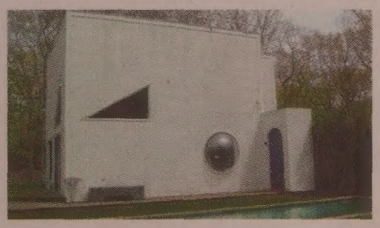

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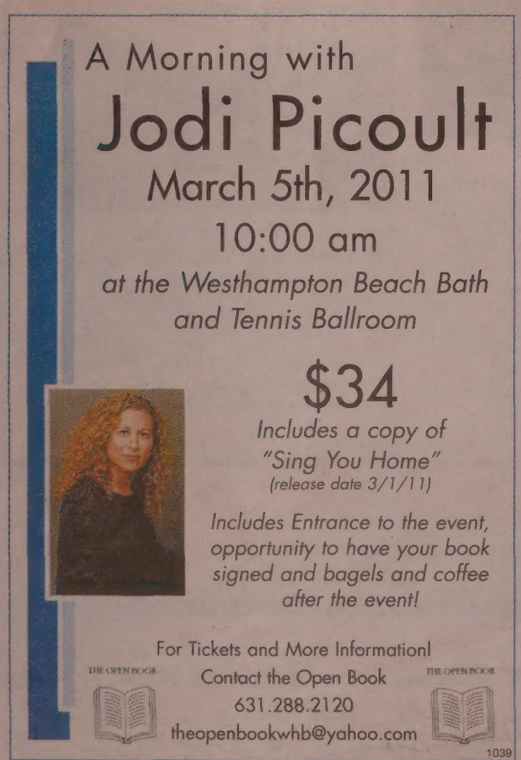

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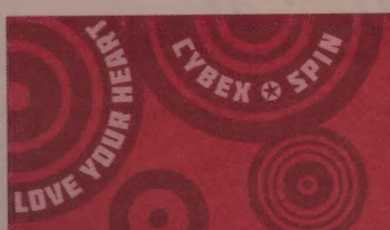

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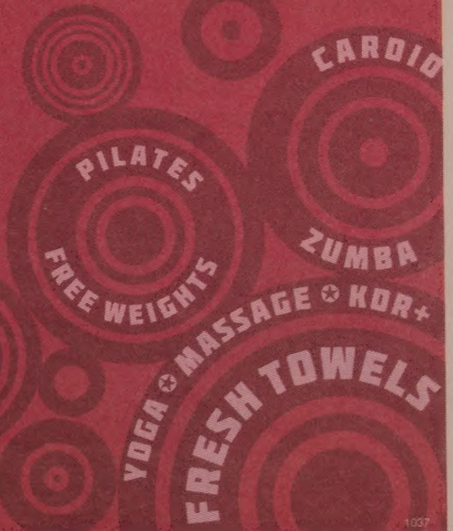

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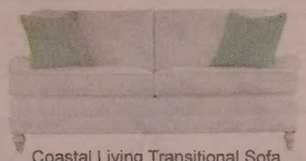

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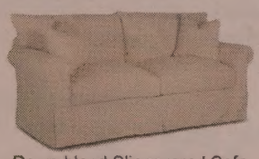

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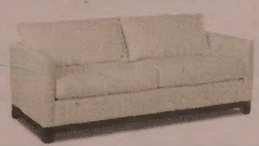

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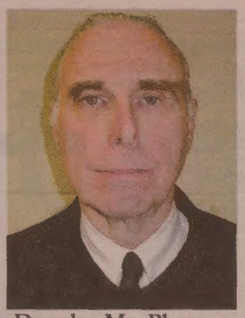

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Trouble

Forgery, Money Laundering and Dominatrixes

By Dan Rattiner

Jay Schneiderman of Montauk won the Democratic nomination yesterday and will run unopposed in November for re-election to his seat in the County legislature. Schneiderman was opposed in the primary by George O. Guldi of Westhampton Beach, a former county legislator, who was charged last month with 120 counts of fraud, money laundering, grand larceny, conspiracy, forgery and embezzlement. The final tally in the primary was Schneiderman 1,045, Guldi 145.

—News Item, Sept. 15, 2009

Did he have a gambling problem? A drinking problem? Fact was, he was going broke trying to put out financial fires.

George Guldi, who served this district as County Legislator from 1994 to 2003, is on trial this week in County Court in Islip accused of absconding with an $853,000 insurance check after his Griffing Avenue house burned down. It is just the first trial and the opening shot of what is surely to be one of the most spectacular series of trials of this decade, all against George Guldi and his partners.

Guldi and his partners are said to have run a giant Ponzi scheme involving 30 other homes and other real estate properties in the Hamptons. Investigators learned of it while looking into a suspicious mortgage transaction on Guldi's late father's home on Deerfield Road in Water Mill where Guldi grew up. Guldi Sr. had willed the home to his son George in 1999. It was not encumbered by any mortgage. Sr. felt it would be in good hands with his son, the sitting County Legislator. Guldi by that time had many real estate properties to his name.

Soon after inheriting the house, Guldi arranged for a $1.7 million mortgage to be put on it. But then he stopped making the payments. By 2005, the bank had started a foreclosure action. Soon thereafter, though, Guldi arranged to sell the property for $3.7 million to a man named Bulant "Bill" Akpinar of Glen Cove. And this is where things started to go awry. Akpinar wanted to put no money down and instead take out a mortgage for the full amount. Guldi told this to Wachovia Bank, which then agreed to make the mortgage. Guldi also said that although Akpinar was the senior partner in the purchase, he wanted to stay behind the scenes. The mortgage check should be made out to Akpinar's corporation, 2027 Deerfield Ltd. The bank complied. As it turned out, George Guldi was the treasurer of 2027 Deerfield Ltd. Thus the new mortgage money went into Guldi's pocket. As for the earlier mortgage, which went into default, the matter never came up. Guldi had come to the closing with a bogus title search that said the property was free and clear.

The monthly payment bills went out to the Corporation and to Bill Akpinar. Akpinar wrote the bank he knew nothing about the matter and that his identity had been stolen. At this point the authorities were called in.

What investigators soon found was that Bill Akpinar was a frequenter of a Manhattan Sex Club called "The Arena" owned by a former Dominatrix named Carrie Coakley and her husband Donald MacPherson, the well-known property owner in Westhampton Beach. MacPherson owned Magic's Pub, the Artful Dodger disco, Sunset Café and dozens of other properties. He was also connected with Guldi, as both his partner and his lawyer.

How Akpinar's name came into this picture was as follows. At the Dungeon one day, Carrie Coakley had asked Bill Akpinar if he'd allow his name to be used in connection with the purchase of a house on Brushy Neck Lane in Westhampton.

Refuse, and the world would learn that he was a frequenter of the Arena. Do it, and you get $5,000. The man took the $5,000.

At the time this story broke, which was in February 2009, just six months before the Democratic primary, the website for the Arena was still up. Clients could rent either Studio Red or Studio Reflect and then could rent actors and actresses, gags, chains, clamps, suspending

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Dan Rattiner's second memoir, IN THE HAMPTONS TOO: Further Encounters with Farmers, Fishermen, Artists, Billionaires and Celebrities, is now available in hardcover wherever books are sold. The first memoir, IN THE HAMPTONS, published by Random House, is now available in paperback.

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Feel better soon, **Jimmy Buffett**! The North Haven resident was knocked unconscious when he fell off stage while performing "Lovely Cruise" in Sydney, Australia last week. He's recuperating following a brief hospital stay.

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Is **Madonna** buying another Bridgehampton spread? That's the word on the street as talent manager **Sandy Gallin's** 14-acre property goes into contract. The property was first listed at $32 million, dropping to $20 million before finding a buyer.

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According to *Entertainment Weekly*, 10 men are in the running to sit next to Water Mill's **Kelly Ripa** every morning when co-host **Regis Philbin** retires at the end of the year. Among them is Southampton resident and "20/20" host **Chris Cuomo**.

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As Hamptons resident **Katie Couric** nears the end of her five-year contract with CBS, she's reportedly in talks with her former NBC boss, **Jeff Zucker**, about doing a daily syndicated show.

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DreamWorks Animation has announced that Amagansett's **Alec Baldwin** will lend his voice to *Rise of the Guardians*, their upcoming 3-D film. Baldwin will play Santa Claus to **Chris Pine's** Jack Frost, **Hugh Jackman's** Easter Bunny, and **Isla Fisher's** Tooth Fairy. The film is scheduled for a November 2012 release.

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Hamptons regular **Jon Stewart** has joined **Mayor Michael Bloomberg**, **Robert De Niro**, **Billy Crystal** and others on the National September 11 Memorial & Museum board. The board hopes Stewart will help raise the remaining $20 million needed to complete the museum, which is slated to open Sept. 11, 2012.

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East Hampton's **Martha Stewart** is headed to Home Depot. The home-improvement chain hopes to target female shoppers with its new line of Martha Stewart curtains, mirrors and other accessories.

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Last week, local teen musicians, including

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Apology

In last week's issue of *Dan's Papers* in an article about the Westhampton eruv, we mentioned that the legendary Rabbi Arthur Schneier of Park East Synagogue in New York had passed on. We are happy to report that that is not the case. We apologize to him and wish him many more happy years.

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devices, canes and leashes and other material by the hour. You could see people running around naked on the site apparently happy to be doing terrible things to one another. But then the site came down.

Anyway, after MacPherson and his wife paid Akpinar the $5,000, MacPherson and Guldi then are alleged to have hired a lawyer by the name of Ethan Ellner to make a fake "title search" and declare the house free of liens so this mortgage could be approved. Ellner made this title search at his office in Plainview, Long Island, where he had the equipment to do this forgery.

The authorities approached Ellner. His stamp of approval was right there on the title search. Ellner had been doing this for these two fellows for quite awhile he said. And soon Ellner broke the news to the investigators that this had been going on with dozens of transactions. But he was just a hired hand.

In any case, everybody was arrested, but as this is written, the case about the $82 million and 30 or so houses is not yet ready for trial. That happens later this year. In the meantime, the trial about Guldi's own personal home on Griffing Avenue burning down and the absconded insurance check for $853,000 has now begun. So that is now what's underway in County Court in Islip.

Testimony showed how this check had been made out, correctly, to George Guldi and the Bank of America. Guldi was supposed to endorse it, then turn it over to the bank because the bank held a mortgage of $1.5 million on this home now burned down. Instead, when Guldi was given the check, he typed in the name of the bank as an endorser, then had Ellner forge a signature under it, signed his own name, and deposited it into his own bank account in New York City.

In another matter in this trial, the prosecution alleges that checks to pay Guldi's rent written by the insurance company to a landlord corporation for 44 Bushy Neck Lane in Westhampton Beach, where the family now resides since the fire, were also winding up in Guldi's pocket. Guldi owns the 44 Bushy Neck Lane Corporation too.

You might ask, at this point, what it was that Guldi was doing that required all this money to be paid to him. Did he have a gambling problem? A drinking problem? Fact was, he was going broke trying to put out financial fires everywhere and failing. This vast business with MacPherson, with the real estate bubble bursting around them, had simply overwhelmed them. Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas J. Spota has declared this the largest single real estate scam in the County, ever.

Forger Ellner was one of the witnesses last Thursday at Guldi's trial. He has agreed to cooperate with the DA. He has pleaded guilty. He has been promised that the maximum sentence he will receive be no more than three to nine years. He testified that he had indeed forged the endorsement of the bank on the $853,000 insurance check.

"Did Guldi tell you he was going to deposit it in his bank account?"

"Yes."

"What did you say to that?" the DA asked Ellner.

"I said good luck doing that," Ellner replied.

Guldi, representing himself at his trial, cross-examined Ellner. Guldi is now serving as his own lawyer. His former lawyer quit. Guldi could not pay him, he said.

As Guldi stood to cross-examine Ellner, the Judge, James F.X. Doyle, admonished both of them.

"I understand this is difficult for both of you," the judge said. "This is an important part of the trial. Both of you went to law school. Act courteously."

It did not start off well. The first thing Guldi did was to ask Ellner if he was taking any medication that might affect his testimony.

"That sounded sarcastic," the Judge intervened.

On Friday, Guldi cross-examined Susan Link, the woman who had overseen the writing of the $853,000 insurance claim check given to Guldi that he was supposed to endorse over to the bank.

"What if my name as owner of the property were there by mistake?" he asked.

"Then you would not have been who filed the claim," she said.

"What do you do when there is a clerical error like that?" Guldi continued.

"You are asking me a hypothetical question," Link replied.

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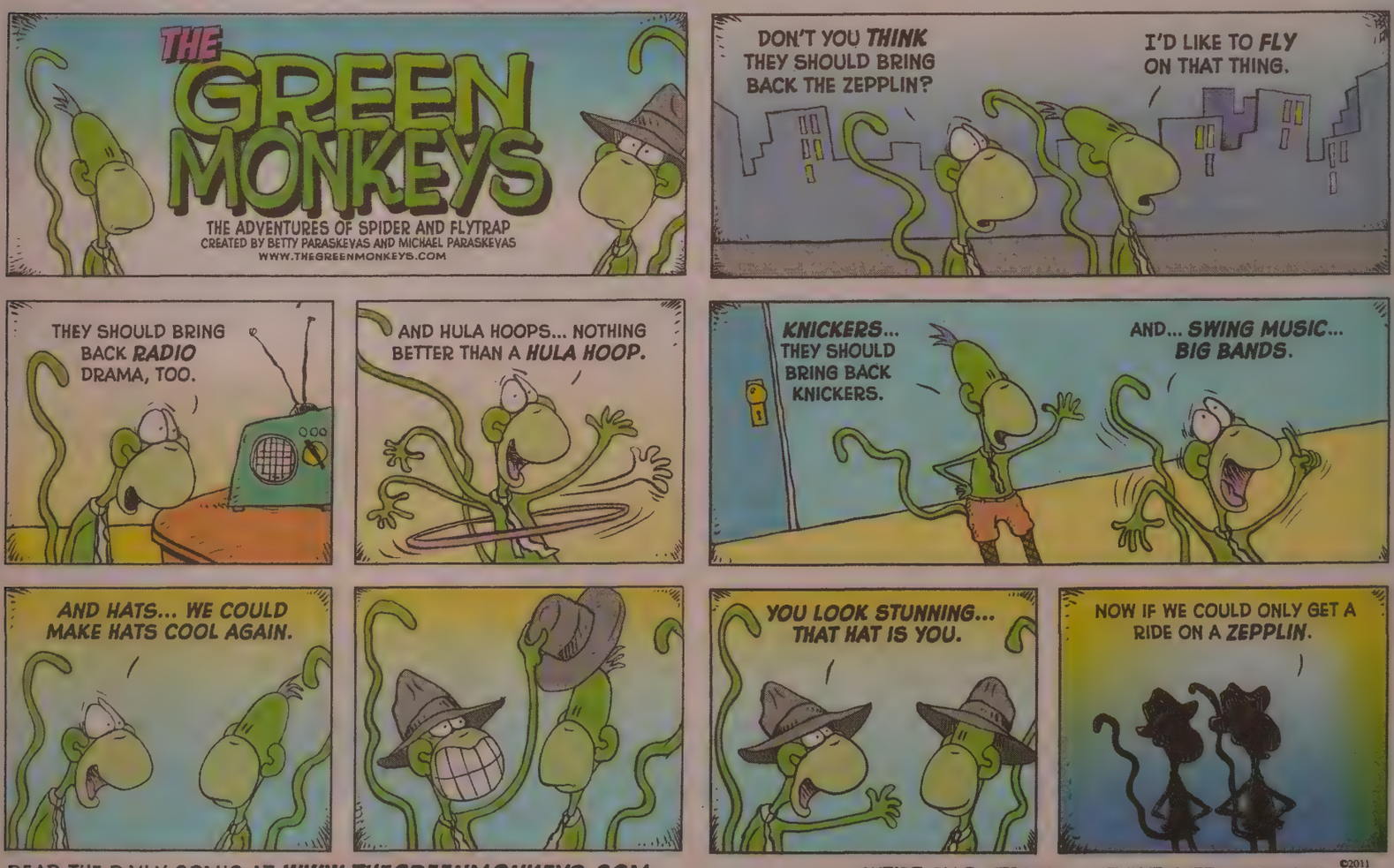
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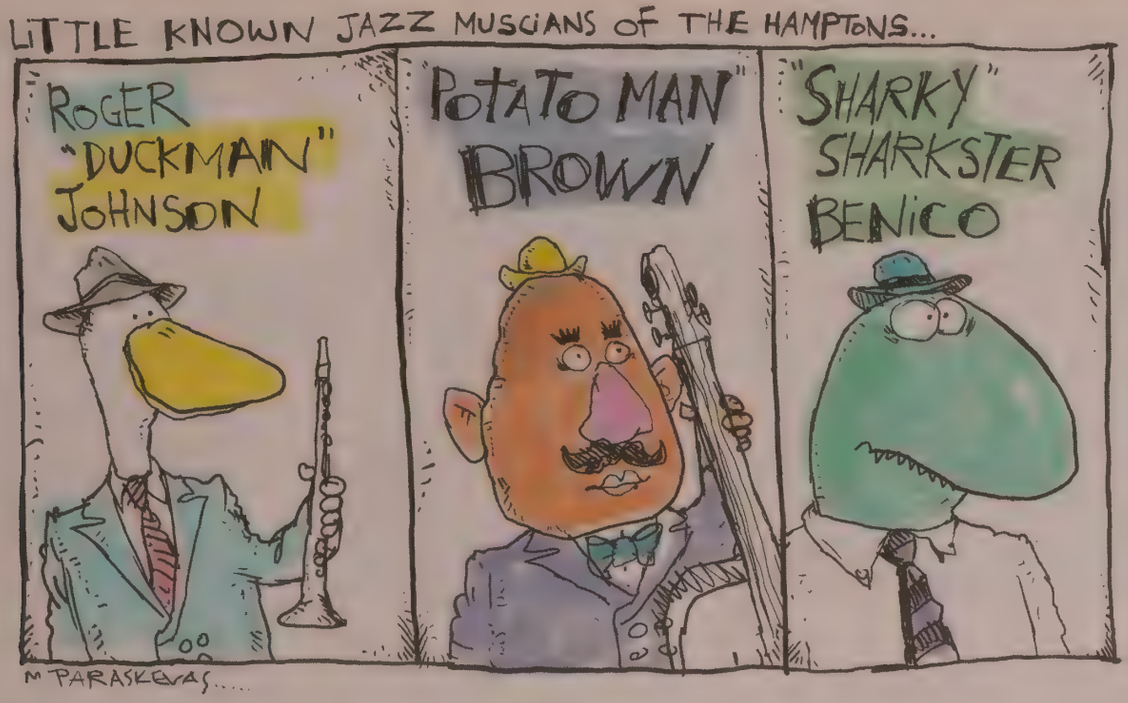

In Search of a Jam

One Man's Quest to Play "Oh! Susanna"

By Dan Rattiner

Last Thursday at 5 p.m., I grabbed my autoharp and kazoo and headed out of the house to find a jam session to play at. There had been a beautiful sunset over the harbor a half hour earlier. I had a fire going. It was a snowy evening.

"When will you be back?" she asked.

"In time for dinner at eight," I said.

There are all sorts of jam sessions in the Hamptons these days. I don't know why. There didn't used to be. I stumbled upon one in Amagansett late one afternoon at the Crosswords Music Store in the Square there. It was a bunch of older men and women knocking out stuff from the 1980s—Grateful Dead, Joni Mitchell, The Who.

A guy at Starbucks has been holding jam sessions in the Bay Burger space in Sag Harbor on Thursday evenings. It's listed as jazz, which doesn't work for an autoharp. There's at least four others I have heard about, one at Blue Sky in Sag Harbor, another at Rowdy Hall in East Hampton on Sundays, another at the Pizza Place on Montauk Highway in Bridgehampton on Mondays and one called Live at the Indigo in Riverhead on Saturday nights. There are also occasional jams at the Stephen Talkhouse in Amagansett.

Now I had heard there was a jam session at Bay Street Theatre in that town. So I thought I'd try that. Fact was, I hadn't had my autoharp out in 10 years. But tonight would be the night. I spent half an hour getting it in tune.

In Sag Harbor, I found a spot on Main Street, got out of my car and picked my way through the ice and snow to Bay Street. The Jam was in the lobby and it was packed. There were people standing around or sitting on stools or chairs and quietly nodding to the music and even from outside the glass front doors, I knew right away I was in the wrong place. The kind of jam I was looking for was where people join in at the chorus. This wasn't it. But I went in anyway.

People smiled at me when I settled in a seat. I set down my autoharp case. Another musician is what they were thinking. They looked at the case. What was in it? A French horn?

I nodded back. Nope, I said to myself.

The group of musicians was set up along a side wall adjacent to the box office booths. In front of the back wall and to the right of the musicians was the snack bar on the counter of which were an array of crackers, cheese and grapes. Facing

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SCENES FROM THE FILM "CEREMONY" SHOT HERE

By David Rattiner

More and more, the Hamptons are becoming a backdrop for Hollywood movies. We even have a hit television show, "Royal Pains," that uses the Hamptons and its appeal to attract viewers. It all seems to be working, which is a good thing for the area and there are more movies on the way.

A brand new movie called *Ceremony* stars the great actress Uma Thurman and is about a wedding that takes place on the East End. Yes that's right, Uma Thurman.

The new movie was written and directed by Max Winkler, who is the son of the legendary actor who Henry Winkler who we all know as "The Fonz."

Ceremony is about a young guy in love with an older woman who is about to get married and, of course, he has to do something about that—which makes for some very funny moments. It was produced by Magnolia Pictures and stars Michael Angarano, Reece Thompson, Lee Pace and, of course, Uma Thurman. Michael Angarano's character is a children's book author who talks his best friends into coming out to a Hamptons weekend beach house, owned by another friend of his, a famous documentary filmmaker played by Lee Pace. Very quickly Michael Angarano's character becomes obsessed and in love with the fiancee of the documentary filmmaker, played by Uma Thurman.

This is the first film created by Max Winkler, 27, a USC film school graduate. His previous work, *King of Central Park*, made headlines in the Tribeca Film Festival, the Malibu International Film Festival and the Santa Barbara International Film Festival.

The cast is extremely interesting when you look at the roles that the actors have been in previously. Uma Thurman, quite possibly one of the most interesting female actresses of our generation, always dazzles on screen and has starred in hits such as the *Kill Bill* movies and her breakthrough film *Dangerous Liasons*. But

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the musicians, across from them, was an audience, foot-tapping appreciators of the jazz scene, smiling and keeping time as this long, intertwined, very cool instrumental moseyed along on little cat's feet, with different musicians taking off on imaginative riffs. The riff would end and then the drummer would do a little rickety-rack, people would clap, then a trumpet player would pick it up and run off with it.

I couldn't make out what they were playing. But then I had come in the middle of the piece, whatever it was. How it works is they start with the melody of the piece, things with names such as "Blue Rondo a la Turk" or "Take Five," and then they riff off into a netherworld of creativity for 64 bars or so then hand it off.

I saw Wally Smith, the chief of our Public Radio station, WPPR-FM leaning against the bar, listening intently. He saw me and smiled and waved, then went back to the music. When that riff ended everybody clapped politely again as a man with a flute took on the next riff.

This was the sort of scene where if people do talk, they do so in whispers so as not to interfere with the music. Emily Weitz, an editor from *Dan's Papers* some years ago, came over and we embraced for a moment and then caught up with each other. I hadn't seen her in years.

My autoharp, on the floor, was not coming out of its case, of course. I wasn't going to step up and do "The Battle of New Orleans," or "The Wabash Cannonball" with this group. And even if in the unlikely possibility they started up with it, it would be in the key of F-sharp or something, way out of my league.

Then my cellphone rang. Actually it didn't ring. It just vibrated in my shirt pocket. It was my daughter in San Francisco. She wanted to ask my opinion on something, if I had a minute. It would just take a minute.

I started to walk toward the front glass door of the lobby, and people looked at me as in—you're not going to be taking that thing out of it's case?—and then because I thought how rude of me to be leaving after just arriving, I, at the last minute, ducked into the dark theatre and sat in a seat in the second row on the aisle. As my eyes adjusted to the darkness, I could make out stage sets and shadows in there. I was alone. I talked to her quietly. Something by the Jerry Mulligan Trio started up in the lobby behind me.

I talked with my daughter awhile. She's a schoolteacher with two little kids, a chef for a husband and a nice house on the side of a San Francisco hill with its own sunset. Her problem was not a big one, but she wanted to know what I thought—should she do this? Or should she do that?

I thought it rather nice sitting in the dark talking to her. I use earphones. My cellphone glowed in my lap. Then I saw there was a man standing alongside me. I looked up.

"You okay?" he asked.

In the dark I had no idea who this was. I asked my daughter to wait a second.

"Oh yes."

"No problems?"

"Nope. Just on the cellphone."

"You're not supposed to be in here. It's dangerous."

"I needed to talk to her. Couldn't do it in there."

"There's lots of different levels in here. In the dark you could trip and fall. That's why it's closed. You need to come back out."

"Who are you?"

"I'm the theatre manager."

"Just a minute." I turned to the phone. "I'll call you back," I told my daughter. I hung up.

The manager looked at my instrument case. "You gonna play that thing?" he smiled.

"Naah. Not my sort of jam." I told him what it was.

"You're at the wrong jam," he said. "But Jim Turner is playing at LT Burger a block up Main Street. You could jam with him."

Jim used to play at my house when I held jam sessions there years ago. I got up, put on my coat, and ushered along by the manager, got out of the theater and went out into the snow and over to my car. Sitting in it, I called my daughter back and we finished that conversation.

Hanging up, I thought, I wonder what is going on at Bay Burger? I drove through town and up to the far end, and saw Bay Burger closed up tight, the parking lot all snowed in, not even footprints to the front. Then it occurred to me. The jam at Bay Street was the winter quarters for the jam at Bay Burger. I turned around and headed for Jim Turner.

LT Burger opened in the summer of 2009. It's an old-fashioned burger joint with ice cream sodas and milk shakes and is packed with people practically all the time. It's been a big hit.

I found Jim at the back, his band set up by the wall with three other musicians in cowboy hats and he motioned for me to come over. Indeed, the stuff he was playing was country music but I soon realized it was really exotic stuff in odd keys that he sometimes accompanied with spoken beat poems that he thought up as he went. He was not into our old stuff at all this particular night.

I didn't even take my autoharp out of its case at all, but Jim motioned for me to sing with the group and, at one point, take out my kazoo and harmonize. I even took a couple of riffs.

At eight, I was up the driveway and home, as promised. I lugged the autoharp in and put it back in the closet, still having not been played in 10 years.

"How'd it go?" she asked.

I reminisced fondly about the covered dish jam sessions at my house on Saturday nights. Kids and dogs running around. A table with whatever food families brought. Apple cider. We'd play "Foggy Mountain Breakdown" or "You are My Sunshine" or "San Francisco Bay Blues." I had an old washtub bass and a washboard you'd play with thimbles on your fingers. People brought guitars, banjos, harmonicas, castanets, kazoos, whatever. It was always whatever came up was what we played. It was a fine old time. But I stopped doing it a long time ago.

And that's when I started playing the autoharp. It's an unusual instrument. You set it on your lap and strum it and can play all the good old stuff as long as it is in the key of C or F or G. It isn't set up for anything beyond that. But these old country songs were often in those keys.

There are lots of jam sessions these days, and they are often on Thursdays.

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Think Snow

From Universe to Galaxy to Solar System to the East End

By Dan Rattiner

The Hubble Observatory has reported the discovery of a galaxy that is older than any other observed before. It's really, really far away, but the main thing is how old it is. Scientists tell us the universe banged into existence 12 billion years ago; this galaxy came into being about 800 million years after that bang. A newcomer.

I think, sometimes, in times like this when we've just had a record 40 inches of snow in the Hamptons and more expected this week, to consider just where the hell we are here. And I am talking about where we are on a really, really big level. It's quite something.

Here's where I woke up this morning to find, once again, that I am in the same place I was yesterday morning and the morning before that.

I and you, dear reader, stand on the rounded surface of a little tiny speck in a far corner of this ever-expanding universe, not so far into the corner as to be remarkable and not so far from the center as to be remarkable. We don't stand out. We are in a galaxy of stars and planets in this corner—there are millions of galaxies, and our galaxy is a moderatly sized one in the shape of a pinwheel that has 14 curving arms, and where we are in one of these arms is about halfway out one of the shorter ones. This galaxy banged into existence much later than the one we've just noticed, about halfway between the beginning and now.

There's an up and a down here. There's the sky up there and the ground below our feet. The sky has clouds and air and the ground has dirt. It is also flat. No doubt about it. Or so it seems. Actually, none of it is what it seems.

The sky is a vacuum once you get past the atmosphere of gasses held close to it by gravity. The specks are trillions of miles away, tantaliz-

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A HAWK LOVE STORY ABOVE NEW YORK CITY

By Dan Rattiner

There were a lot of people out in the Hamptons recently with backpacks and field glasses.

They were not Homeland Security people, and not Peeping Toms, at least not in the sense that the phrase means anyway. What they were were Toms looking at peepers. These bird watchers came from all over the country and they descended on Montauk and the Hamptons in great numbers for the annual bird count here, one of the great bird counting events in America. The deal is that the more species you see, the higher up you are in the world of bird lovers. Everybody keeps a notebook. When they see something new, they write it down.

In honor of this annual pilgrimage, I thought to tell the story currently unfolding in New York City, where they have fewer birds in the environment, and when they get an unusual one, it is a very big deal and the whole city pays attention.

The bird I am speaking of, of course, is a very amorous and large wingspanned redtailed hawk. He's been in town 20 years. People have given him a name—Pale Male. Birders see him every day. He swoops low over the trees in Central Park, gliding along on his great wings. He makes his way through the canyons of skyscrapers. With his wings spread, he is five feet across and is very unmistakable. And he lives there.

A week ago, I was up visiting friends on the 21st floor of a 23-story residential skyscraper at the very northeasternmost corner of Central Park. This is at 120st Street and Fifth Avenue. This building was designed by the well-known architect Robert E. M. Stern and the view from the glass windows there is spectacular. Fifth Avenue is just below. Beyond it is the pond, the Loeb boathouse and the skating rink and woods. And on this particular sunny day, there were a total of five giant hawks out there, swooping around over the park, at least one of which surely was Pale Male.

Pale Male is unmistakable. Most red tailed hawks are light to dark all over with reddish brown tails. Pale Male has a white head. A fabulous, proud and amorous male, he has, over the years, fathered 12 other hawks and been a husband or mate to five different female hawks, one after another, as you might expect a powerful, royal fellow like him to have—one mate after

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ing sparkles of other worlds. Beneath our feet, our speck is a sphere of dirt that is so large it would take months and years to walk all the way around it. It is both gigantic and tiny, depending on your point of view.

And there's a whole lot we do not know about what is inside this sphere under our feet. For sure there are living things we've never seen, perhaps trillions and trillions of living things in the cold meaty darkness of the sphere.

We stay on this speck because of the force of gravity pulling us toward the center, and that creates another inaccuracy. We all feel we are on the top of the speck being pulled down, while others are on the bottom being pulled up. But that's just what our perspective tells us. Those on the other side think they are on the top and we are on the bottom. Actually there is no top or bottom.

Our speck, which happens to be green and blue when seen from afar, spins around like a top and takes a journey around a very hot star 109 times bigger than we are, which keeps us warmer some of the time and colder at other times depending on the wobbly nature of that relationship. There are eight other spheres circling our hot star and millions of smaller pieces of ice and other debris doing so too. What's that all about?

A small moon circles our sphere of dirt. We've sent people to the surface of the moon and from there, looking back out at the Earth, they've taken photographs of our sphere. One thing of interest is that Canada is at the top and Argentina is on the bottom when seen in the moon's night sky. As I've pointed out, though, there is no top or bottom.

Question: When the Earth rises is Canada on the bottom and Argentina on the top? Or is Canada on the left sideways and Argentina on the right, also sideways. If Argentina was on the top, did the astronaut have the camera turn the image of the Earth upside down so we could relate to it? Another thought—is it possible that the Earth, from the perspective of the moon, glides along sideways as it moves from earthrise to earthset?

The world wants to know. The world awaits with bated breath.

Looking closer, I see that however the world sits in the scheme of things, I have awakened this morning, as I always do, in a house in a little village by the sea on the eastern end of an island that sticks out into an ocean we have named the Atlantic.

And here, it has snowed. Badly. A lot. And very deep.

It is also a very beautiful place to be, snow or not. I wouldn't be anywhere else, even if I could. I like it here, all leafy and hilly and sandy and fun.

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the other actors all have interesting and underrated credits to them, especially *Almost Famous* star Michael Angarano. Angarano has a very boyish look to him that really offsets his romance with Uma Thurman, who is older and taller than he. This was a deliberate choice in the casting because the odder the romance between the two of them, the more interesting a relationship the two of them will have. It's supposed to be an awkward love and Angarano's character "Sam" does everything he possibly can to crash the wedding so that he can prove to himself that true love really exists in the world.

Angarano's role was originally supposed to go to Jesse Eisenberg, who we all know played Mark Zuckerberg in the hit movie *The Social Network*, which ended up being the right move for that actor.

You also can't help but wonder if Max's father, Henry Winkler, had anything to do with inspiring the writer and director to set the movie on the East End because currently Henry Winkler stars in the hit television show "Royal Pains" about a Hamptons concierge doctor to the rich and famous on the East End. Henry Winkler plays the father of the star of the show played by Mark Feuerstein.

Either way, the more movies that are produced in the Hamptons, the better it is for the area. Films set in the Hamptons show off how beautiful it is here, promotes tourism and interest in the East End of Long Island and provides jobs and money to the community. Be sure to catch *Ceremony* when it hits theaters in April.

Skinny Dipping, Ice Sculpture and Fireworks

By Elise D'Haene

There's an English proverb that says, "If February gives much snow, a fine summer it doth foreshow." In anticipation of that bit of good news, Sag Harbor will present the first annual HarborFrost, an "ice-sculpting and fireworks spectacular" on Saturday from 3 to 6 p.m. "Don't let February keep you at home," the Sag Harbor Chamber has implored, and with a bevy of shops, restaurants, and galleries participating, in addition to events scheduled throughout the day, this may just end up as the social event of the season.

This chilly take on the village's annual HarborFest, begins at 3 p.m. at the Long Wharf with Fear No Ice, which advertises itself as "the world's first and only performance ice-sculpting company," and from a quick peruse of its website (fearnoice.com), we believe it. These sculptors are on fire, so to speak, with an act that is a mix of "high-energy performance art," a soundtrack of throbbing beats and "mind-blowing video graphics." The blazing chainsaw-wielding troupe will also perform at 4 p.m. at the Civil War monument. The ice sculptures will be designed with children in mind, who will get a chance to carve their names into them.

Those brave, reckless, throw-caution-to-the-cold types will take the "Frosty Plunge" at 3:30 p.m. off the village beach to raise money for the Sag Harbor Village Ambulance Corp, race over to Hampton Gym Corp's Sag Harbor site (which will have an open house all day) for a hot shower, then reward the belly with some hot, steaming soup from Phao restaurant.

A three-hour jazz jam will be heating up the Bay Street Theatre, beginning at 3 p.m., and the popular Legends film series by Joe Lauro will create its own "Heat Wave" with Motown favorites on the big screen there at 8 p.m.

A five-alarm fire will warm up the village at 5 p.m., but not to worry, the Bucket Brigade will be on hand, lining up along Main Street to douse the flames, then moving on to the Long Wharf.

Specials and giveaways will be offered by local merchants, who are competing with each other for "best promotion," including a $20.11 prix fix for meals throughout the day and into the evening at select restaurants, such as the American Hotel, Blue Sky Lounge, Corner Bar, LT Burger, the New Paradise Café, Phao and Il Cappuccino. Several of the stores will host raffles, "fire and ice" discounts, free hot cider and cookies (Brown Harris Stevens), special giveaways to keep you warm (Corcoran Group), a quiz bowl at BookHampton and Java Nation will have an all-day buck-for-a-cup of coffee special.

Kids can take in "Animals in Winter," a puppet show by Goat on a Boat at 4 East Union Street at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., and stop by the Playful Learning store (down the stairs from Java Nation) for a growing snow, ice-craft event.

The galleries will also be participating in the chilly events. Tulla Booth of the eponymous gallery on Main Street, who is showing "Gallery Gems 2" with some of her most popular photographers, will have a reception from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. to celebrate HarborFrost with "fire and ice treats" on hand. James Alba Albertson will be giving a "plein air" demonstration at the Grenning Gallery. And Romany Kramoris will hand out sweets and treats and has invited all to take in the "Numinous" works of Christopher Engel.

Our friends at the Sag Harbor Express will be handing out hot cocoa and cupcakes (nothing wrong there!), and the infamous Sag Harbor Hysterical Society, a performing group that raises funds for local nonprofits, will lead a "culinary stroll."

The Long Wharf will be the stage for a performance by the Fiery Sensations, a group of athletes who do indoor and outdoor events using poi, fire poi, hoops, fans, and staffs, who will perform their acrobatic feats at 5:30 p.m., followed by fireworks in the sky over Sag Harbor Cover by Grucci at 5:45 p.m.

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Pale Male (continued from page 15)

another over a 20-year period.

Pale Male and his family have for the most part shacked up in nests high up in trees in various parts of Central Park. But 10 years ago, Pale Male set up a nest on the cornice just outside the window of the 12th floor of one of the city's most fashionable Fifth Avenue residential buildings at 74th Street.

The tenants of the building loved having Pale Male and his mate, another red-tailed hawk, making their love nest there. The board of the building—this is a co-op—took a dimmer view. Pale Male and Lola—named by a tenant on the 14th floor after his mother—did not clean up after themselves. Stuff was coming down the façade near to the awning and the front entrance. The doormen hadn't expected this. It was in their contract that they keep the front entrance and awning neat and tidy. But there was nothing in it about chronic bird debris. And so, the board decided Pale Male and Lola would have to go. A scaffolding went up, the birdwatchers photographed it after finding out what was going on, and due to the fact that it takes weeks and sometimes months to get anything done in a fancy building, they turned this information over to the New York media, which now had adequate time to blast the story on front pages and, after a week's standoff, caused the board of the building to reconsider. Shortly the scaffolding came down. Pale Male and Lola would stay. Also, the board would make funds available for the construction of an ironwork cradle for the nest up there. And they pledged to provide whatever the couple wanted—worms, medical care, concierge service, water, maybe electric blankets, whatever. The nest and the lovebirds living in it needed nothing from the building, however. And they remain there today.

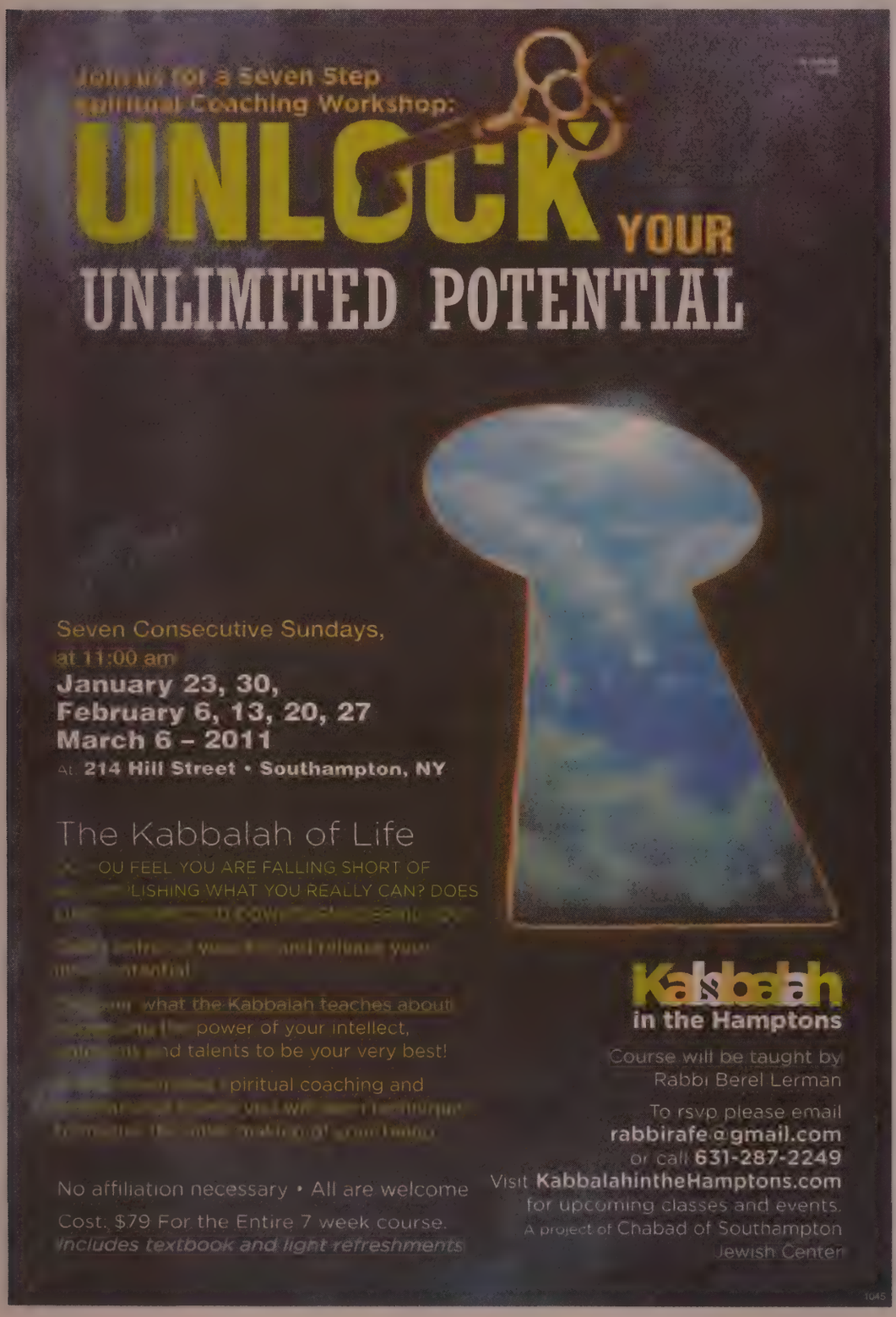
So there I was looking out over this view of Central Park and it seemed to me these hawks—I don't know how there could be five of them but there were—swooped this way and that in some sort of agitated state directly over the pond and boathouse. What was that all about? I had no idea.

But I kept watching. It was definitely not nothing going on. It was something.

What I can tell you is that a week later, the news broke in *The New York Post* that Pale Male is now shacking up with another female hawk—"Ginger"—at his home on Fifth Avenue, and Lola is nowhere to be found. Birders, experts on the subject, told the *Post* reporter they believe Lola is dead. Some poison in her food perhaps? Perhaps some chemical spray? Pale Male would not just leave her like that, they said. He would not take up with someone else with her still alive. Hawks are just not wired like that.

Or are they? What I saw, I believe, on Thursday, January 10, around two in the afternoon, was some sort of domestic dispute. I could be wrong. I think he was there, and I think Lola was there, and I think maybe another fellow was there and maybe this new gray female hawk, a fine-feathered homewrecker in my opinion, and maybe her brother.

There's a lot more to this. There are a lot of buildings that look out on Central Park at this corner. There's the row of them bordering the east side of Fifth Avenue looking west. There's another row of buildings on the north side of 120th Street that look south. Anybody else see this? If so, send me an e-mail at askdan@danspapers.com. Between you and me and maybe the New York Police Department, I suspect we can get to the bottom of this.



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Guldi asked her if it was her understanding that the bank would be receiving this money.

"Yes, the bank would be receiving the money."

"Then why was my name on the check at all?" he asked.

Link said it was because it was he who made the claim and who owned the property but there is also the clause about the money going to the bank if there was a mortgage and he was to sign it over.

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It is rumored that County Executive Steve Levy is going to be called to the stand later in the week by the defense. Guldi is going to claim that the forger Ellner, who, besides this, runs a legitimate Title Search business, had been asked to make a contribution to Steve Levy's re-election campaign in exchange for receiving work from the County.

On Friday, Guldi, the attorney for Guldi, asked Ellner about that.

"Yes, someone had asked that I do that and yes

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An Evening With the Homeless in the Hamptons

By Stacy Dermont

The East End of Long Island is "home" to an estimated 500 people who, out of necessity, live outdoors most of the time.

I spent an evening with our local homeless last week. We ate together, swapped stories and commiserated about the weather. We agreed that my black suede boots are a pretty good pair of winter boots. Then I went home and my new friends bedded down on air mattresses for one safe, warm night in a local school.

Maureen's Haven is an area nonprofit that has been doing a miraculous job of providing overnight housing to people in need since 2001. It operates from November 1 through April 1, accomodating guests in area churches and schools for one night at a time.

Several Maureen's Haven employees coordinate the screening and transportation of the guests. Volunteers, typically a group of about 30 people from a local church or synagogue, do the rest.

Let me tell you something about "the rest" of what it takes to house 15 strangers overnight.

Volunteers from Christ Church of Sag Harbor manned the operations the night that I participated, aided by a married couple from St. Andrews (Sag Harbor) and one volunteer from Holy Trinity (East Hampton). The Christ Church team told me that on the night they ran the program last year, they had only three men stay with them.

I volunteered to make the pies for dessert. I was handed a set of 16 pages of instructions and, at a later meeting, another three pages of reminders. There were several meetings; there were a lot of questions. The loudest question came from an older lady when it was announced that a snowstorm could cancel the program for the night. She shouted, "THEN WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PEOPLE?" A very good question.

A brother and sister team coordinated this church's night. They organized and prepped all of the other volunteers. This included sweet-talking a local registered nurse into volunteering for a few hours. It also included reminding volunteers that everyone is "first name only" at all times.

In order to turn part of an elementary school into a dormitory and a cafeteria in one afternoon volunteers had to: pick up the bedding from where it is stored and set it up; set up a nursing station; set up the dining area furniture; set the dining tables; collect, prep and reheat the food for dinner (and later for breakfast); set up a television, a digital video disc player and seating for the evening's entertainment; prep and clean separate bathrooms for men and women; clean up after dinner, clean up after television viewing, clean up after breakfast and clear away the bedding in the morning. After breakfast, guests are sent back into the world with a bag lunch, made by volunteers.

All supplies that were brought in for the night have to be removed in the morning. Talk about exhausting! We were warned that guests might not feel much like interacting with us– that staying alive all day can be very taxing.

Fifteen guests, 12 men and three women showed up with all that they owned in their bags and looked to the volunteers to show them around and be their hope for this one night. At this point some of the volunteers were more worn out than the guests. Most of the guests were alert and eager to engage in conversation.

The guests were a mix of African Americans and Caucasian Americans. The three women were white and in their 50s to 60s. All but two of the men were middle-aged or older.

According to Tracey Lutz, the executive director of Maureen's Haven, the organization has seen record numbers of participants this winter and organizers are expecting that number to climb given the state of the economy and the weather.

To ensure that no one is left out in the cold, the First Parish Church in Aquebogue often houses the overflow from other participating sites. Sadly, this year, due to the sharp increase in guests, at times Maureen's Haven has been forced to turn some people away.

What struck me most profoundly about this volunteering adventure were two things. Number one was how very polite and articulate the guests were. Some of them had apparent mental ticks, but by and large they had better manners than I do and, hell, I think I'd be in a lot rougher shape than they are if I didn't have a home!

Secondly, why are we working so damn hard to reinvent the wheel here? These human beings

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TWENTY SOMETHING

by David Lion Rattiner

It's always been amazing to me how seriously people take bottled water. I know a lot of people who only drink bottled water as a rule. They even cook with it and I'm sure, if they could, they would shower with it.

I've heard over and over again the reasons why you should drink bottled water: Long Island water causes cancer. Breast cancer rates are high on Long Island, so obviously it is the ground water that people are drinking.

When I was about 18 or so, I switched to drinking bottled water after hearing about this and, as far as I could tell, almost everybody else did. Since then, landfills have been filling up with plastic bottles because it is so common to drink.

But up until about a month ago, I was having a conversation about cancer rates and how they were going up in wealthy areas and I got to thinking a lot about bottled water. The truth is that cancer rates have been going up in areas where bottled water is most frequently purchased, not down, and it is also going up in the wealthiest of areas on Long Island, which if you ask me, includes most people who do not drink ground water.

I opened up a bottle of Poland Spring and took a sip and tasted the water I was drinking, and I don't know about you, but I've always been able to taste a hint of sweetness to Poland Spring water out of the bottle, which was always something that I thought had to do with the quality of the water. Maybe there are sweet flowers that sit in that wonderful Spring in Maine that cause the sweetness where this water comes from.

But then, for the first time, I got to thinking about how that was most likely not the case. In fact, Long Island, especially the East End and its ground water, is probably more untouched and undisturbed than any other location in the world thanks to feverish environmental policies and a summer-only population. In Maine, they have allowed a large corporation to literally throw hoses into a lake, suck it out, bottle it and sell it for a lot of money.

I highly doubt anything like that would happen here on the East End, EVER.

But back to that sweet taste from Poland Spring, which has nothing to do with the water itself, but chemicals in the plastic bottles. Study after study has shown that a chemical product used in bottled water and in canned food called BPA is not just bad for you; it is REALLY bad for you. BPA causes everything from diabetes to cancer and it leaches out into our food and into our bottled water because of the packaging in plastic. If you heat the plastic container, or if it gets hot in the sun, the chemical leaches into the water at a higher rate. Have you ever drunk a bottle of water from a hot car? I have, and I just figured out that I was pretty much swigging a mix of BPA and water and who-knows-what-else, because according to the FDA, the bottled water industry is self-regulated. Meaning that there is absolutely no testing done to the water you drink and in fact, much of the bottled water we consume comes from municipalities, with the famous brand Aquafina, coming from the water that comes out of the Detroit River.

It's true, look it up.

As a kid I drank from water fountains, with no BPA in it. Our tap water from our highly regulated, highly funded municipalities may contain chlorine, but that's something that YOU WANT in your water because it kills bacteria, unlike the bottled water industry, which in a lot of studies, has shown to contain more bacteria than tap. The next thing you might find is fluoride, which is another thing that you WANT in your drinking water because it prevents cavities in your teeth dramatically.

I've also personally given out tastes tests with my friends, who are unable to identify a taste difference 100% of the time. They always just guess which water is the tap. "The one that doesn't contain any BPA chemicals is the one from the tap," I laugh.

Even after saying that, some of my friends still won't drink tap (which I now drink for 100% of the water that I drink) because the advertising has been hammered so strongly down our throats for so long that "bottled water is better."

Well it isn't, even the companies that run bottled water businesses have stated publicly, after being seriously investigated by independent scientists and filmmakers, that there is absolutely no difference between what comes out of your tap and in your bottle, except of course, for the fact that chemicals from the plastic are leaching into your water.

I'll see you at the tap.

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Who's Here

Reynold Ruffins
Artist

By Stacy Dermont

Artist Reynold Ruffins lives a quiet life with his wife Joan in Sag Harbor. But he is far from retired. His basement studio is a wild, rainbowed trip that threatens to spill forth, making the world a much more colorful place.

You've seen Ruffins' illustrations. Lots of them. A prolific commercial artist, in 1954 Ruffins joined with Milton Glaser, Seymour Chwast and Edward Sorel to form the famous Push Pin Studio.

A distinctive quality of Push Pin's early illustration work was a bulgey three-dimensional line. Push Pin became a guiding reference in the world of graphic design whose influence is still felt today.

The bi-monthly publication, *The Push Pin Graphic* was a rich collaborative effort. The exhibition "The Push Pin Style" traveled to the Museum of Decorative Arts of the Louvre, as well as numerous cities in Europe, Brazil, and Japan in 1970–72.

Other world class graphic designers and illustrators like John Alcorn, Barry Zaid and Paul Degen spent time at Push Pin early in their careers.

Ruffins also had his own successful design studio with Simms Taback for almost 30 years. Taback is seriously ill and when I met with Ruffins, he had just returned from a visit with Taback in California.

When I visited Ruffins' Sag Harbor studio what leapt out at me from the reams of drawings and stacks of notebooks and boxes of slides of his work were some of his illustrations for *Gourmet Magazine*. Ruffins' illustrations often use humor to draw the viewer in. I could remember exactly when I first saw his little chef climbing over a steep hill of food – I was trying to cook in a tiny graduate student apartment with a toddler underfoot.

I also fondly remembered some of his colorful childrens' books. Ruffins has illustrated over 20 to date, winning The American Library Association's Coretta Scott King Award in 1996 for Running the Road to ABC. This book tells the story of how hard some students have to work just to get to school. It features a host of Haitian characters in colorful settings including a group of school children who are running over hills and through fields and villages to get to their ABCs.

Teamed with Whoopie Goldberg and jazz musician Herbie Hancock, Ruffins' brilliant illustrations produced a highly praised and popular video for children titled "Koi and the Kola Nuts."

Reynolds does not sell his original book illustrations. He feels that they should remain with his own children. Ruffins' wife Joan also paints and the family's artistic tradition is being carried on by one of the Ruffins' grand daughters, who is currently studying photography.

In recent years Ruffins has returned to his love of painting.

> ***I feel very fortunate to be an artist and to live in this beautiful place.***

Lucky for us Ruffins is also a prolific painter. His Tree of Life paintings are a favorite of mine. His circus paintings also tell tales. But most of his current work embraces the abstract.

Ruffins noted "As you mature, you find more willingness to experiment in a way you haven't before with materials and subject. I'm excited about having the courage to try new things."

Ruffins' work has been internationally recognized in group show exhibitions at The Louvre in Paris and in Milan, Bologna and Tokyo. So we are very lucky indeed that we need go no further than Southampton to see his recent works. A selection of Ruffins' paintings will be featured in a group show, opening this Saturday February 5 at the Southampton Cultural Center and running through February 28.

The exhibition, which celebrates Black History Month, also features local artists Brent Bailer, Sheila Baptiste, Nancy Brandon and Maxine Townsend-Broderick.

A graduate of The Cooper Union, Ruffins is a recipient of its most prestigious honor, The Augustus St. Gaudens Award for outstanding professional achievement in art. The Cooper Union Presidential Citation was also presented to Ruffins for his work and prominence in his profession.

Ruffins' commissions for an array of clients have given us many memorable images over the years. They have included illustration for IBM, AT&T, Coca-Cola, CBS, Pfizer, *The New York Times*, Scribners, RandomHouse, *Time Life*, *Fortune*, *Gourmet Magazine* and the U.S. Post Office which have garnered many awards from the New York Art Directors Club and The Society of Illustrators.

Ruffins said, "As an illustrator I was always very disciplined, I had an obligation to satisfy the client. Now I have an obigation to try to satisfy myself. I never thought that I would have that. Illustration work and painting interupted each other—meeting deadlines did not allow me to work uninterupted at my painting. I feel very fortunate to be an artist and to live in this beautiful place."

Ruffins has also shared his love of art and design through teaching. In addition to holding a Professor Emeritus position at Queens College, Ruffins has taught at the School of Visual Arts, The Parsons-New School of Design and he was a Visiting Adjunct Professor at Syracuse University.

Ruffins and his work are featured in books of record including *200 Years of American Illustration*, *A History of Graphic Design*, *The Push Pin Graphic* and *African American Art*. But take the opportunity to see his work in person and to meet him. He's a living legend and a great neighbor to have here in the Hamptons.

See Dan's Papers Art Calendar listings for details on the exhibition, visit reynoldruffins.com to view some of Ruffins' latest work.

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Nobody but the Eskimos were down in the tube this week.

SUBWAY CLOSED

The entire Hampton Subway system has been shut down this week as we try to get to the bottom of this problem, which is that a certain higher-up in the Highway Department not friendly to Hampton Subway has instructed all the snow removal trucks to dump all the plowed snow down the stairs of all the subway entrances. This was done in the middle of the night last Monday and the snow fills the platforms and plugs the entrances and even several miles of tunnels, according to the burrowers the subway has hired who have shoveled their way down there as far as they can go. The system has thus been paralyzed and nothing is happening. Nothing is running.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Carlos Miguel and his bride of 35 years, Harriet Phipps Miguel, celebrated their anniversary yesterday with breakfast at Mickey D's Deli on the Sag Harbor Turnpike in Bridgehampton and dinner at the Meadow Club in Southampton. Both places were packed with friends.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S REPORT

What the hell is going on there? All the planes here in Fiji are grounded, as the typhoon has not yet come.

South O (continued from page 10)

13-year-old **Dylan Jenet Collins**, who has appeared in *The Lion King* on Broadway and sung backup for **Jessica Simpson**, took to the Stephen Talkhouse stage for a "Just Jam" session.

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Hamptons resident **Russell Simmons** joined Brooklyn rapper **Maino** and local community leader **Erica Ford** for the second annual Peace Week rally in New York City last week. On the steps of City Hall, Simmons spoke about the spike in gun violence and said, "We need to get in our communities and work from the inside out."

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Engel & Voelkers, a real estate company, is delighted to announce that **Barbara Feldman** has joined their sales team. Feldman is the first to join the new Engel & Voelkers office in East Hampton at 26 Montauk Highway, at the gateway to the exclusive section known as Georgica. Prior to her career in Real Estate Feldman owned her own high-end interior design firm, she continues to provide staging and design for her exclusive clients.

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Bridgehampton's **Rudy Giuliani** told CNN's **Piers Morgan** that he's still thinking about running for president in 2012. He'll be even more tempted if **Sarah Palin** runs, since, as he stated, "I'm considered a moderate Republican...so the more I can show a contrast, probably the better chance I have."

Homeless (continued from page 19)

need a home. Why, with all the money and good will out here on the East End, can't we provide some decent, no-frills housing for our fellow men and women? A regular, trained staff could provide consistent support to help lift some of these individuals out of their current circumstances. And, in a real home, they could take showers.

The NIMBY (Not in My Back Yard) squad would certainly object to a permanent homeless shelter nearby—but, folks, they already live among us.

If you wish to make a donation or you'd like to volunteer with Maureen's Haven, please call Tracey Lutz at 631-727-7973.

Guldi (continued from page 18)

I had done that."

"Why did you do that?" Guldi pressed.

"I thought it was necessary to do so to get the work," Ellner said.

Steve Levy's office, hearing about these rumors, issued the following statement. "I request donations from thousands of residents and businesses on a yearly basis, but have never, ever, demanded one."

Guldi and MacPherson have also filed a $10 million lawsuit against District Attorney Spota claiming unfair eviction practices. But that is for another time and another article.

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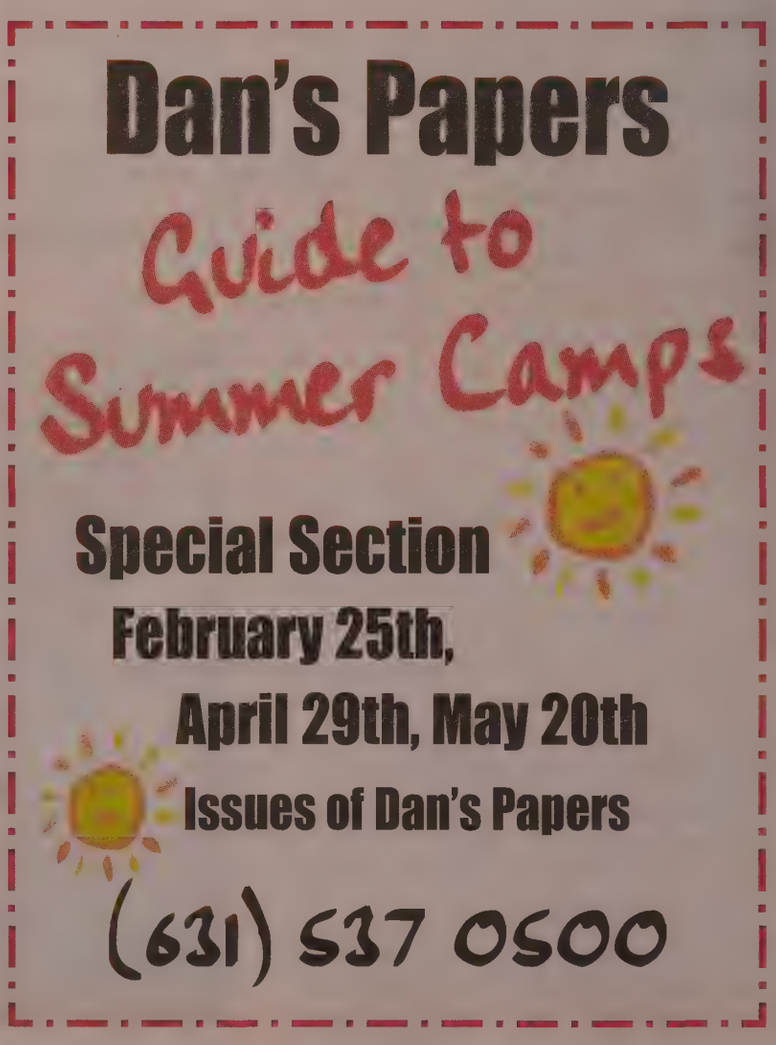
In the present trial, the prosecution will rest and the defense, led by Guldi, will present its case in the coming days.



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Francesca Denaro

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Aniela & Chiara Bedini

"The Making of Cities of Peace" @ John Drew Theater @ Guild Hall

Julie Ratner (Ellen's Run), Sam Eskenazi (Director, Coalition for the National Museum of the American People)

Rosa Hanna Scott (Artist)

Phoebe Legere "Ooh la la Coq Tail Quintet" @ The Iridium

Phoebe Legere

Tru Theater Resources Unlimited @ The Players

William Franzblau (Producer "Wonderland"), Tom Smedes (Producer, "Next Fall")

"American Sexy" Opens @ The Flea

Scott Morse, Nicky Schmidlein, Mia Walker (Director), Satomi Blair, Ron Washington

"Winter Doldrums" Annual Snowball Fundraiser @ Oceanbleu – WHB Bath & Tennis Hotel

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Terry Thompson, John Rocka, Janice Razzano (WHB Chamber)

"That 70's Band" @ 75 Main, Southampton

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Deborah Romano (Abstracts Inc.), Sharon Abbondondelo (Bridgehampton National Bank)

Steve Interrante (Band Mgr. & Sax, "That 70's Band")

Janice Hayden (Hulse Realty Group), Denise Bornschein

"That 70's Band"

Joanne Mangogna (Villa Michaelangelo's Italian Restaurant, Manorville) (WHB Chamber)

NORTH FORK

Restaurant Review: Comtesse Therese

By Stacy Dermont

The North Fork's newest destination restaurant, Comtesse Thérèse in Aquebogue, is cute on the outside, with six wine barrels spelling out "BISTRO" at the foot of the driveway and white wrought iron lawn furniture in the back courtyard. But its outward appearance didn't prepare us for what lay within.

After we entered the front door of this circa 1835 country rectory, we passed through a narrow hall and boom! We were suddenly on the North Fork of France. Who knew? Owner and winemaker Tree Dilworth has spent several years realizing her rich fantasy in this unique establishment.

Opened just four months ago, Comtesse Thérèse looks like it's been here, on the North Fork of France, for a good 180 years. One expects to run into novelist George Sand or perhaps Honore de Balzac at the tasting bar.

We passed through The Sky Room and into The Constellation Room for our meal. Aubusson-style carpets, hand-gilded details, crystal chandeliers, lyre-back chairs – the décor is High Romantic French Country but my manly husband was not at all chastened by the fabu atmosphere. In fact, he was very proud of himself for noting the grape motif along the edges of the large mirror near his seat. *Bon travail, mon chere!* He also quite liked The Versailles Room, which is used for private parties. We took a peek at its red walls, petit point wall hangings and taxidermy residents. Definitely fit for a king.

And what pastoral French bistro would be complete without a fast-talking, wise-cracking Bostonian sommelier? Dianne Delaney hails from Bean Town but she trained in Europe and she certainly knows her wines. Delaney is always at hand to offer suggestions for wine choices and apropos wine pairings. Some Comtesse Thérèse wines, such as their 2005 Chateau Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (peaking right now), are available exclusively at the bistro. The house's most popular wine is its 2005 Hungarian Oak Merlot. Try it; it's dry and subtly spicy.

And then there's the food. *Fantastique!*

For all you Francophiles: *OUI!* The froie gras and crème brulee are all that they should be. And my apologies – with all the specials at hand we failed to sample the escargot. I trust that Le Cordon Bleu grad Chef Aristodemos Pavlou does that just right as well. It's on the regular menu, so you can try it any time.

We started with soups – lentil for *moi*, French onion for him. Both were perfumed with rosemary from Comtesse Thérèse's herb garden. I didn't know how very rich duck broth was until I tried this soup. Chef sent out an amuse bouche of sliced Crescent Farms duck leg. I'm a little standoffish with duck – but when in Aquebogue…the duck was not gamy but very flavorful and moist. Daily specials included Smoked Duck Breast, a Veal Chop and the Catch of the Day was Pan-seared Shinnecock Scallops served with jasmine rice. My husband went for the scallops, I chose the classic Chicken Chasseur from the regular menu. The scallops, bejeweled with pomegranate seeds were obviously very good – I didn't even get a taste! My braised chicken was a tender perfection, in a well-balanced sauce of wine and olives.

Most of the ingredients are local, of those that aren't local – most are American grown. In fact, the apples and cider come from Woodside Farms, immediately next door.

When I asked Chef Pavlou if he had any special equipment in his kitchen he quipped, "The chef is the equipment!" I took an opportunity to watch him in action as he cut the ties from long rolls of braised rabbit, prepared for that evening's Slow Food dinner party. He will forever be Arie "The Blur in the Toque" Pavlou to me.

One of the few true French bistros on the East End, Comtesse Thérèse is filled with delights. Make your Valentine's Day reservations now – it's sure to be popular with lovers.

My dessert recommendation for valentines: share a piece of the puddlingly chocolatey Gateau de Chateau from the same plate and then buy a bottle of red wine and some house-made Belgian chocolate truffles to go – enjoy them at home *denude*….

Comtesse Thérèse, 739 Main Road, Aquebogue. 631-779-2800, comtessetherese.com

North Fork Events

For more events happening this week, check out:

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UP AND COMING

8TH ANNUAL RED DRESS DINNER – The Inn at East Wind, Wading River. Tickets now on sale for this Friday, March 4 event to benefit The American Heart Association. "Just for Ladies" and wear "special occasion red" only, please. Includes one complimentary cocktail, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, DJ and more! 516-450-9121, . $65 by Feb. 25; $75 at the door.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

ORGANIC FARMING TALK – 6:30 p.m., Mattituck-Laurel Library, 13900 Main Rd., Mattituck, 631-298-4134. A preentation by Golden Earthworm organic farm on CSAs (Community Supported Agriculture) and organic farming. Unusual vegetables on display. Refreshments will be served. Free.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

CASINO NIGHT – 6:30-10:30 p.m., The Vineyard, Aquebogue. Sponsored by Our Lady of Mercy Regional School, featuring slots and tables, food and music. Tickets $50, which includes $50 in chips. Contact olmpa@yahoo.com or purchase tickets at Love Lane Sweet Shoppe in Mattituck or Robert's Jewelers in Southold. All proceeds benefit the school.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

WINTER CELLAR TOUR – 10 a.m., Lenz Winery, 38355 New York 25, Peconic. Enter winemaker Eric Fry's world while the grapevines sleep. An only-in-winter tour limited to 12 people. $15; Lenz subscribers free. RSVP: 631-734-6010 or office@lenzwine.com

VINES & CANINES VINEYARD WALK – 11 a.m. Walk your dog with one of the winemakers. Martha Clara Vineyards, 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead. 631-298-0075. marthaclaravineyards.com. Your donation of a non-perishable dog food item will be sent to a select animal shelter foundation.

LIVE JAZZ – 1-5 p.m., EQ Jazz, Sparkling Pointe Winery, 39750 County Road 48, Southold. 631-765-0200. sparklingpointe.com. Free.

LIVE MUSIC – 2-5 p.m. Keith Maguire. Martha Clara Vineyards. 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead. 631-298-0075. marthaclaravineyrds.com. Free.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

WINTER CELLAR TOUR - See above.

SUPER SUNDAY/WOMEN & WINE – 1-4 p.m., Martha Clara Vineyards, 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead. Free glass of Sangria, Raffle prizes, Cheese Fondue by the Melting Pot. Dance lessons with Arthur Murray, Tarot card readings and wine tastings. $20 in advance; $15 at door. Purchase tickets online by 2/5. marthaclaravineyards.com. 631-298-0075.

LIVE MUSIC – 1-5 p.m., Al and Nancy, Sparkling Pointe Winery, 39750 County Road 48, Southold. 631-765-0200. sparklingpointe.com. Free.

LIVE JAZZ & BLUES – 2-4 p.m., Nautique Jazz & Blues Festival presents guitarist Rick Snell. Peconic Bay Winery. Cutchogue. 631-734-7361. peconicbaywinery.com. Free.

SUNDAY UNPLUGGED – 2-4 p.m. The Secondhands. Peconic Bay Winery. Cutchogue. 631-734-7361. peconicbaywinery.com. Free.

TRADITIONAL JAZZ – 2 p.m., Bob Barta and the Sunnyland Jazz Band. Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library, 27550 Main Rd., Cutchogue. 631-734-6360. cutchoguelibrary.org. Free.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

MORNING DANCE AEROBICS – 9-10 a.m., Community Room (lower level), Mattituck-Laurel Library, 13900 Main Rd., Mattituck, 631-298-4134. Bring a mat, dumbells (3 to 5 lbs.) and water bottle. Register in advance at the circulation desk.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

OPEN ARTS STUDIO/EAST END ARTS COUNCIL – 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., every Tuesday. 133 East Main St., Riverhead. Members are invited to use the Carriage House space to work. Tables, chairs and cleanup sinks will be provided. Bring your own materials. 631-369-2171. eeac.org

LIVE MIC NIGHT – 7 p.m., MC and host Rocky Divello. Every Tuesday at Martha Clara Vineyards, 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead. Bring your own dinner and sing! 631-298-0075. marthaclaravineyrds.com. Free.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

12TH ANNUAL VALENTINE SALON FUNDRAISER – 11:15 a.m.-2 p.m., 583 Park Ave., New York City. Benefit for East End Hospice's Camp Good Grief children's bereavement summer camp. 631-288-7080. $200.

SOUP KITCHEN – Community supper, free soup kitchen. 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Weds. St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church Parish Hall. 6th St., Greenport. 631-765-2981.

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with Maria Tennariello

Valentine's Day is the loveliest day of the year! Get going; get shopping for that one and only! The stores are getting their best of the best merchandise all packaged pretty, ready to go for the sexiest holiday of the year. Still my favorite…

At **bean2tween**, 79 Job's Lane, Southampton, there is a 70% off sale on winter merchandise in order to make room for new spring arrivals. The shop has also started carrying the newest accessories for trendsetting 'tweens such as Stackable Statements—leather bracelets adorned with words and statements that can be worn in groups or alone. Think it, Say it, Wear it! A perfect Valentine gift for those very special people in your life. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday. For information call 631-377-3640.

Also on Jobs Lane in Southampton, **Little Lucy's Canine Couture** is running a "$5 Sale Box" sale…So stop in and grab your best friend a present for Valentine's Day

The Carpet Man 633 County Road 39A, Southampton is having its "Winter Sale" on everything in stock, priced to sell. Look for remnants, area rugs, wood, laminate and vinyl floors that are reduced up to 50%. This is a real deal sale, so get going while it lasts.

Don't miss the big sale at the **ARF Thrift & Treasure "Pop Up" Shop**, 368 Montauk Highway, Wainscott, which has already begun and will run through February 28. Just in time for Valentine's Day gift giving, there is a hot 50% off everything and you can also fill up a shopping bag from "The Bargain Rack" for only $5. Don't forget the ARF 2011 Calendar is also selling now for $15. Buy two! All sales support the animals at the ARF Adoption Center. Open seven days a week, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Call 631-537-3682 or visit ARF at arfhamptons.org.

Shape up for your honey for Valentine's Day at one of **Hamptons Gym Corp's** three locations. Two hearts are better than one during the HGS Heart Month Celebration's one-year membership for $399, buy one, and get one for your sweetie, friend or family member at half price. Bring your iPods and pump up the volume as well as your hearts. Call 631-725-0707 for complete information at all locations.

Cavaniola's Gourmet, 89 Division Street, Sag Harbor, would like to welcome you to week three of their region-specific wine and cheese pairings. Just in time for a night with your honey-do, or honey-don't, circle the globe with them this week for pairings from the South of France. Each pairing includes one bottle of wine, two cheeses, one baguette and olives, for $50. You can also place your order by phone. Call for information at 631-725-0095.

On The North Fork: Just in time for Valentine's Day, the annual sweet "Clearance Sale" at **Summer Girl**, "an emporium at the beach" located at 775 First Street (next to **Legends** restaurant) begins! This amazing sale starts at noon, every weekend through the month of February, starting the weekend of February 11, 12, and 13. Select clothing is priced at $20 each or six for $99. There are lots of jewelry and accessories in the mix. All their vintage cottage-style furniture will be marked down also. Stop in and warm up with Kim and Danny Petrie in front of their wood burning stove, which is always going. For information call 631-734-5698.

Take a break and walk on the wild side where winter specials are in progress and everything is on sale at **Peconic Paddler**, 89 Peconic Avenue, Riverhead. There are hundreds of styles of kayaks, paddles, stand-up paddle boards,Yakima Rack, personal floatation devices, or paddling accessories in stock and ready to float out the door…the new store hours are in effect and you can call 631-727-9895 or 631-834-2525 for the wintertime schedule.

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK:

The Red Collection, a new shop of "Fine Consignment Furniture," just opened a 12,000-square-foot store at 54 East Main Street, Riverhead. The space, formally **Ben Franklin Crafts**, has been refurbished and has a fine collection of reproductions and household goods and accessories, including everything from lamps, mirrors, art, dressers, dining-room sets, kitchenware, crystal, china, sterling silver along with design services. **The Red Collection** is the largest consignment store in the area and guarantees that you will find exceptional, affordable, quality items to furnish and decorate your home, any time of the year. The proprietors welcome your antiques, furniture, furnishings and accessories. No appointment necessary, just stop by and see them, Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Their website covers information about the consignment process and pricing system. For information call 631-650-6575 or visit theredcollectiononline.com.

Until next week. Ciao and happy Valentine's Day shopping.

If you have any questions or your shop is having sales, new inventory or re-opening for the upcoming spring season, my readers want to hear about it. E-mail me at: Shoptil@danspapers.com I will be happy to get the word out!

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You may have heard the phrase "cloud computing" and asked yourself what it meant. We have evolved from the use of those 5.25-inch floppy disks to smaller disks (3.5-inch) that had hard exteriors but were still called floppies. You used them to carry around your data and to have a backup in case your hard drive crashes or your data is somehow corrupted. You may have used Zip disks, which grew in size from being able to hold 100 kilobytes to 1 gigabyte. I still use flash drives and external hard drives for backup.

It is very convenient to rely on cloud computing because it means you can access your data from any PC or laptop. You simply create a user name and a password and you're good to go. These file-hosting services allow you to store documents, images and files on distant servers. Google has servers that are as large as one million square feet. These massive servers give us the opportunity for free storage. I keep all my sent mail in my gmail account and when someone wants a copy of the file you sent a year ago or claims you never sent it you can e-mail it again.

The DropBox folder resides in your My Documents folder. You can create a new folder for the particular file you want to save in the clouds. You simply copy and paste the file by right clicking your mouse and let the program upload the file to the clouds. You will see a processing sync icon and when the transfer is complete you will see a check mark. The Internet is everyone's hard drive. There are legitimate fears for the security of the files you transfer and these storage services try to keep the hackers away but that is a never-ending task.

Cloud computing storage services also allow your regularly used files to be shared with friends and co-workers. You can upload a collection of photos to show your fans, and workers can exchange graphics or documents with their colleagues. The services also let you share a public link to the document with anyone or even share the entire folder.

Most of the services offer a few gigabytes of storage free, which will accommodate a few thousand photographs and thousands of Word documents. I find it reassuring to know if my laptop crashes I could go to DropBox on a remote computer and still have the data. The service offers two gigabytes of storage free, 50 gigabytes for $10 a month and 100 gigabytes for $20 a month.

Sugar Sync has an interesting feature that includes a Sync from an e-mail system that allows you to upload a file through e-mail, a useful trick for storing photos or documents that others have sent you. SugarSync costs $5 a month for 30 gigabytes of storage, and up to $40 a month for 500 gigabytes, enough to store 40,000 photos.

Crate is a new service that allows a user to simply drag a file onto a stylized crate icon to upload it.

You Send It is a free service that lets you upload and send files to others through e-mail. It offers a free trial service that lets someone upload a file and identify a few e-mail recipients.

ZumoDrive gives users remote access to music and photos, no matter the device, including smartphones like the iPhone and BlackBerry.

BIG GAME DAY

Bless those Dallas Cowboy fans for hosting Super Bowl XLV on Sunday, February 6, and inviting the Pittsburgh Steelers, a team the Cowboys have played in three Super Bowls (Steelers 2-1) and the Green Bay Packers, whom the Cowboys gave a thrashing to in 2007 in a battle for the NFC playoff. It's downright hospitable of the Cowboys, who fired their coach this past season for their lousy losing streak.

Sports pundits predict that Super Bowl XLV will be one of the most memorable games in history. Questions abound: How many sacks will Clay Matthews have? Will Troy Polamalu, tied for second in the league with seven interceptions, intercept? Who are you betting on for the most passing yards, Aaron Rodgers or Benjamin Todd "Ben" Roethlisberger? How many "Terrible Towels" will be flapping from the stands?

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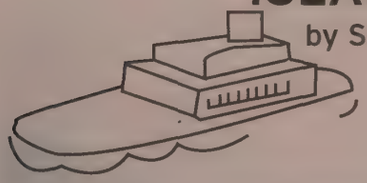

Stupor Bowl, 2011

Stupor Bowl: 1) A game in which millionaires in shiny pants run after a ball; 2) An excellent cover to do some serious shopping; 3) A chance for advertisers to run deluxe new ads that will be reviewed and discussed on various TV shows through out the coming year.

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Super Bowl Sunday, game time approaching...

Kathy: "Okay, everybody understand the plan, right? The men are in Carol's man cave—she just let Brad buy a new flat-screen TV—we lift their wallets and make a clean getaway using a beer run as an excuse."

Tina: "Can we review how we get their wallets again?"

Carol: "I'm going to ask them separately to help me reach for a pan on the top shelf in my kitchen when they come in to get something. As each guy reaches up, Kathy will slide her hand in their back pocket and lift the wallet, which she will hand to you and you quickly pull out the cash and credit cards, hand the wallet back to Kathy, and she'll slide it back in, all the while I'm distracting them."

Tina: "And what about Margie, again?"

Kathy: "Margie's hubby has a man cave and he's not leaving. So we gave her the Super Bowl 20-Questions List to use to get him to shoo her out of the house. She'll call us as soon as she's free. We'll pick her up and make a beeline for the South Ferry."

Tina: "Are you sure it will work?"

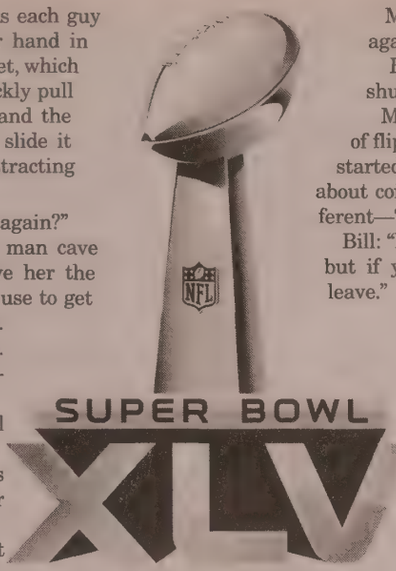
Carol: "The sacred 20 Questions have always worked. I've never had to go past five questions."

Kathy: "I've never had to go past two. Okay, places everybody, they should be calling for beer and nachos any minute now."

Meanwhile, back at Margie's house...Margie snuggles in next to her hubby as the game starts, and the Super Bowl as well.

Margie: "It's nice that they start with "The Star Spangled Banner." How do they choose who gets to sing it?"

Bill:"I don't know. Now listen, this is serious, you have to be quiet if you're going to sit here with me. This is the Super Bowl."



Margie: "Who are you rooting for again?"

Bill: "Neither is my team, now shush, they're flipping for the kickoff."

Margie: "I wonder how the tradition of flipping a coin to make a decision got started? You know, I was watching a show about coins, how they're made and the different—"

Bill: "Honey, not now. Listen, I love you, but if you can't be quiet, you'll have to leave."

Margie: "Okay, I'll go bring you some treats, then I think I'll go over to Carol's for awhile."

Bill: "Sure, fine, whatever."

Margie delivers a pre-prepared tray of Bill's favorites, grabs her jacket and handbag, steps outside and makes the call.

Margie: "Carol? I'm free. I'll start walking toward your house. I got Bill's money and cards when he was in the shower."

Carol: "Perfect! We just cleaned out the last wallet. Kathy's making the beer-run excuse now while Tina stocks the fridge with the beers we hid on the porch. By the time they realize we're gone, we'll have cleared out the Commons and be on our way home."

Margie: "Now we just beat them to the mailboxes when the bills come in and we are home free!"

Carol: "I love the Stupor Bowl! I get my best shopping of the year done!"

Kid's Calendar

For more events happening this week, check out:

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Contact organizations, as some require ticket purchase or advanced registration.

AMG-Amagansett; BH-Bridgehampton; EH-East Hampton; HB-Hampton Bays; MV-Manorville; MTK-Montauk; Q-Quogue; RVHD – Riverhead; SGH-Sag Harbor; SGK-Sagaponack; SH-Southampton; WM-Water Mill; WH-Westhampton; WHB-West Hampton Beach

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

LEGO MANIA! AT THE HAMPTON LIBRARY – 3:30 p.m., For children ages 4 and up. 2478 Main St., BH. First and third Thursday each month. Create anything you like with Legos. Today, enjoy a special Legos event as part of our Chinese New Year celebration: Build the Great Wall of China out of Legos! Lego donations greatly appreciated. hljuv@suffolk.lib.ny.us, 631-537-0015, hamptonlibrary.org. Also 2/17.

KAMISHIBAI PAPER THEATER – Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Avenue, WHB, 4:30-5:30 p.m., registration required. Kids in first to third grade can celebrate the Chinese Year of the Rabbit and also listen to a Japanese folktale. Westhamptonfreelibrary.org, 631-288-3335.

TEXTURE ANIMALS ART PROGRAM – 11 a.m.-noon, East Hampton Library, 159 Main Street, EH. Children ages seven to nine will encounter amazing animals in modern art and create their own with fake fur, felt, and feathers. Sign-up required, 631-324-0222.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

ART STARTS – 10 a.m., Reg. req'd., Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Ave., WHB. Also Feb 11, 18. For children ages 3-5 years with a parent or caregiver. Dress for mess., whamlib@suffolk.lib.ny.us, 631 288-3335, westhamptonfreelibrary.org

PIXIE PLAY AT THE QUOGUE LIBRARY - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Quogue Library, 90 Quogue St., Q. Songs, Rhymes, Stories and Play for children ages 1 - 3 1/2 years old, quoguelibrary@gmail.com, 631-653-4224, quoguelibrary.org.

PIZZA AND PAJAMA NIGHT - Children's Museum of the East End, 376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, BH. At 6 p.m., children will enjoy pizza and hear this week's story, *Where is Home, Little Pip?* by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman, a tale that celebrates the idea that people, not places, are what constitute "home." After the story, children can make a "Heart Penguin" for Valentine's Day. $9, free for members.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

ANIMALS IN WINTER – 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., live show, Goat on a Boat Puppet Theatre, 4 East Union St., SGH. goatonaboat.org. 631-725-4193. $10, $9 grandparents and members, $5 children under 3.

ANNUAL STUDENT ART FESTIVAL - Part I Grades K – 8, Opening Reception and Student Performances, Guild Hall Museum and John Drew Theater, Free Weekend Art for Children All Ages . Interactive projects for children to work on independently and/or with an adult For more information 631.324.0806 x19, guildhall.org.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION - Children's Museum of the East End, 376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, BH. At 10 a.m., celebrate the Year of the Rabbit by making origami rabbits and more, stories will be read about the Chinese zodiac, and Chinese treats will be served, for kids 4 and up. Registration required, e-mail Amy@cmee.org, 631-537-8250, cmee.org.

INDOOR TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC – Hampton Library, 2478 Main Street, BH. At 12:30 p.m., children 4 and up can bring their favorite teddy bear and a bag lunch. The library will provide juice and gingerbread bear cookies, a bear song will be sung, and art activities will add to the fun.

Registration required by e-mailing hljuv@suffolk.lib.ny.us or calling 631-537-0015.

HARBORFROST – 3-6 p.m. Main St. & Long Wharf, Sag Harbor Village. Ice sculptures, fireworks, retail sales promotions, $20.11 prix fixe restaurant specials. sagharborchamber.com. 631-725-1700.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

PENGUIN ENCOUNTER – 11 a.m., Atlantis Marine World, 431 E. Main St., RVHD. A close-up encounter with an African Penguin. General aquarium admission required and cost is separate. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult. Children under 5 are not permitted, reservations@amwny.com 631-208-9200, atlantismarineworld.com. $50.

AMARYLLIS FARM SANCTUARY - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., 93 Merchants Path off Sagg Rd Sagaponack, BH. Visit the largest assortment of rescued animals on the East End. Children can feed the animals and pony rides are always available, christine@amaryllisfarm.com, 631-537-7335, $5.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

URBAN LEGENDS – Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Avenue, WHB, 7-7:45 p.m., registration required. For kids grades three to six, discover whether you know fact from fiction. Mrs. Fried will put your knowledge to the test in this strange but true trivia game. Westhamptonfreelibrary.org, 631-288-3335.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

SAG HARBOR COAT DRIVE – Drop off or pick up coats Tue. - Sat., 9-4. Old Whalers Church, 44 Union St., SGH. sagharborcommunityfoodpantry.org. Childrens' coats are particularly needed!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

BABIES & BOOKS – 10 a.m., Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Ave., WHB. For children ages 6-12 months with a parent or caregiver. Children can be registered for one series each month. whamlib@suffolk.lib.ny.us, 631-288-3335, westhamptonfreelibrary.org. Through2/28.

Please send all event listings for the kids calendar to events@danspapers.com by Friday at noon.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ART COMMENTARY

by Marion W. Weiss

In Memoriam: Michael Knigin

Barry Gordin

No one ever called him "Mike," at least in the 20 years this critic has known the artist Michael Knigin who passed away on January 19. Which seems right, because "Michael" sounds more eloquent somehow, a name filled with visions of reaching for the stars. Conversely, "Mike" appears more down to earth, more like a "regular guy" kind of label.

Michael was not a "regular guy," at least as far as art goes. He literally reached for the stars, moon, and, in fact, the whole planet when he was an artist for the NASA Space Program. He extended his worldview to crashing waves in the water, circus performers in Barcelona and Anne Frank in Amsterdam.

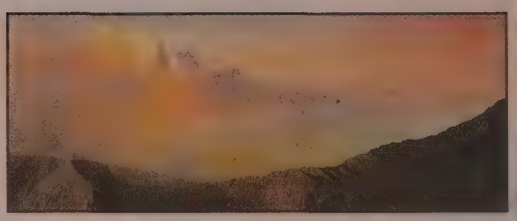
Yet in all his creations—a far-reaching myriad of subject matter and media—Michael never succumbed to the merely mundane. He imbued all his images with grandeur as if they, too, were reaching for the stars. Together, artist and object, engaged on a majestic journey eventually touching those radiant bodies in the sky.

Coming down to earth, a visit to Michael's East Hampton home was always a joy because we could experience his works and share the journey. A huge studio held various tables filled with current projects, prints, photographs, and yes, computers. The space was often crowded and seemingly disorganized, but that was a mirage. His studio was actually a metaphor for Michael's overwhelming interests and abundant curiosity, his experimentation with all kinds of themes.

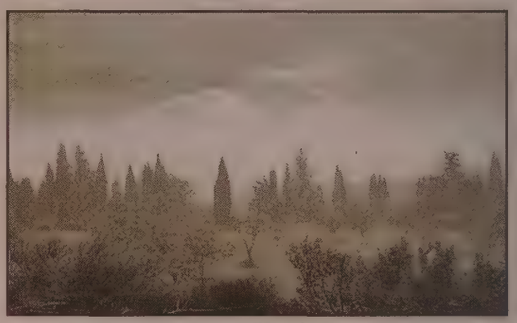
Walking through various rooms, more art is presented, more meaning is evoked. In the dining room and/or living room, a stunning cloudscape greets the visitor, an example of Michael's message of "reaching for the stars." Clouds appear again in his work, "Little Big Time," a worm's-eye-view of a magnificent canyon. Images of waves also predominate, like his " Georgica Waves," an homage to our area and to the object's universality as well.

Photographs of spiraling fireworks, their configurations shooting upward into the sky, are also salient. Clouds, waves and fireworks share a commonality in Michael's themes: such forms are trying to reach the summit, each in their own way, as their masses invade space.

Michael's figurative works also invade space, so pervasive are they in their demeanor and being. Consider the portraits of circus entertainers photographed in Barcelona, like a clown, mime and midget. Despite their oddness and surreal setting, the figures capture our imagination; they, too, are aiming for something beyond the picture plane. Images of Anne Frank, which have recently become Michael's signature project, transcend the picture plane as well in their historic significance. His juxtaposition of Frank's face, text and environment evokes a context that is comprehensive, passionate and striking beyond words.

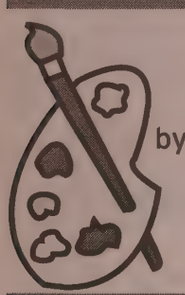


Foggy Mt. Tops



Provence Landscape

An earlier figurative work using juxtaposition remains an iconic image, too: the positioning of a doll's porcelain face with a group of soldiers. Innocence versus conflict; hope versus savagery. Michael has created a bold statement here, one that reverberates in the mind and memory long after the artist is gone. We can say that about all of Michael's art.



HONORING THE ARTIST

by Marion Wolberg Weiss

Eddie Rehm

Among the distinctions attributed to this week's cover by Eddie Rehm is its title, "Startling Confliction of Belligerence." If it's difficult to figure out what that means, looking at the image doesn't offer a clue either. At least at first. However, we take a second glance: the colorful, cluttered and dense doodle-like configurations seem to suggest chaos and disorientation. Simply put, the image may represent a state-of-mind, perhaps very similar to the artist's own demeanor two years ago when his marriage fell apart, and he lost both his business and home. Rehm now says that if it weren't for these disasters, he would never be an artist today.

Q: You have experienced such a difficult time in the last few years. How did art save you?

A: I had friend whose father was an artist. My friend also had gone through a similar bad experience, and his father, Kenneth Husband, suggested we both come to his studio every day and paint. Doing that became a therapeutic outlet. It was something to look forward to.

Q: But painting became more than an outlet.

A: My friend's father became a mentor and teacher, perhaps when he saw we were serious about art; we asked questions. When I was younger, I did pastels and watercolors in school. I doodled on paper when I was bored in class. I didn't take what I was doing seriously. But now I was learning technique. I wanted to do more.

Q: So how did painting seriously help you?

A: It gave my life structure. I was taking all the negative stuff in life and turning it around. I was telling a story on canvas. I was revisiting the past when I painted; the past was a blessing in disguise.

Q: In this remarkable journey that you embarked on, who became some of your favorite artists?

A: Jackson Pollock, Willem de Kooning, the Neo-Expressionists, Edvard Munch (our subject matter is similar).

Q: That's quite a mixed group.

A: Yes, it's an eclectic array of artists.

Q: I can imagine that your art is eclectic as well.

A: Yes. I do figurative work, abstraction. I also strive for experimentation. I go for something new. I use the feeling that I have when I start a piece. I put it into the story I'm trying to do.

Q: So your ideas come from personal experience and feelings?

A: And life lessons. Life dictates what I feel.

Q: How about marketing? How does that enter into your life as an artist?

A: You have to devote 50% to your art and 50% to business. You have to push. No one is coming to your door. I had to figure marketing out; to put myself "out there." I've joined art groups like the Long Island Art League, South Bay Art Association and Brookhaven Arts and Humanities.

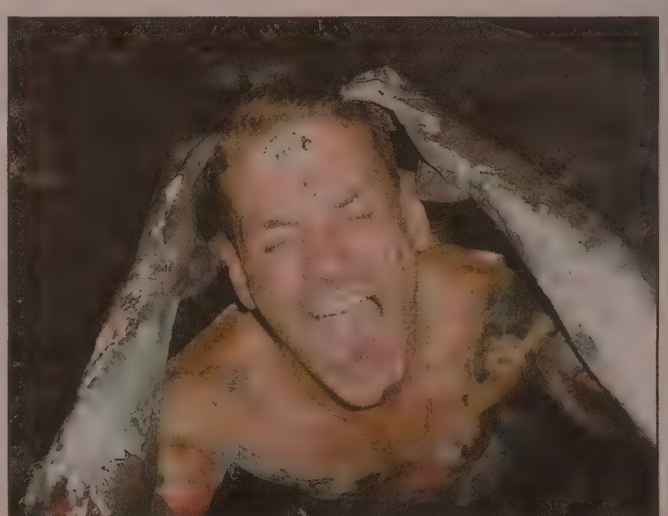
Q: However, I imagine you still devote 100% to your art, and you've been successful.

A: Yes. I have had shows in places like Milwaukee, and I was also in an international group exhibit at the Caelum Gallery in Chelsea. I am looking forward to a show this spring at the Orchard Windows Gallery in New York.

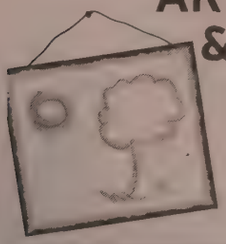
Q: So what do you take away from all of this experience?

A: Everything happens for a reason. Where I am right now is where I am supposed to be.

Eddie Rehm's work can be seen at New York's Orchard Windows Gallery, 37 Orchard Street, from April 11 to May 1. The artist reception is April 15 from 6-10 p.m. Call 917-600-0807. His website is: eddierehmart.com.



ART OPENINGS & GALLERIES



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OPENINGS AND EVENTS

THURSDAY 2/3 OPENING – 5-8 p.m., "On Gardiners Bay: Paintings and Drawings," by artist Barbara Segal. Blue Mountain Gallery, 530 West 25th Street, NYC, 4th floor. Through 2/26, open Tues-Sat, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. bluemountaingallery.org. 646-486-4730.

HARBORFROST RECEPTION – 2/5, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Tulla Booth Gallery, 66 Main St., SH "Gallery Gems 2," extended to 2/27. Gallery hours Fri- Mon, 12:30 - 7:00 p.m. 631-725-3100, tullaboothgallery.com

OPENING RECEPTION – 2/5, 5-7 p.m., 6th Annual Art Competition/Exhibition and "Global Bodies," new sculptural works by Setha Low. The Crazy Monkey Gallery Artist Cooperative, 136 Main St., AMG. Through 2/27. Open Fri-Sun, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment. 631-267-3627, thecrazymonkeygallery.com

OPENING RECEPTION – 2/5, 4-6 p.m., Southampton Cultural Center, 25 Pond Ln., SH. "Visual Heritage II" features works by Brent Bailer, Sheila Batiste, Nancy Bandon, Maxine Townsend-Broderick, Reynold Ruffins. The center's 2nd Annual Black History Month Celebration includes exhibitions, education and performance. scc@scc-arts.org or 631-287-4377. Exhibit through 2/28. Open Mon.-Sat, noon-4 p.m. or by appointment. Free.

PARRISH ART MUSEUM OPENING – 2/6, 6-8 p.m., Parrish Art Museum, 25 Jobs Ln., SH. 631-283-2118. "Esteban Vicente: Portrait of the Artist," paintings and works on paper from the 40s through the 90s. 6 p.m. talk by Alicia Longwell. Reservations required: $10, free for Parrish members. 7 p.m., reception with wine, hors d'oeuvres. Exhibition through 4/10.

GALLERIES

4 N MAIN STREET GALLERY - 4 North Main St., SH. Open Sat, Sun, 12-6 p.m. and by appointment. 631-283-2495.

ANNYX - 150 Main St., SGH. 631-725-9064.

ART & SOUL - 495 Montauk Hwy, EP. 631-325-1504. artsoulgallery.com

ART BARGE - Victor D'Amico Institute of Art, AMG. 50 years Art Barge history. 631-267-3172.

ARTHUR T. KALAHER FINE ART - 28E Jobs Ln., SH. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily or by appointment. 631-204-0383.

BEGO EZAIR - Two locations: 437 Main St., GP, 631-477-3777; 136 Main St., SH. American Contemporary paintings, sculpture, video. 631-204-0442.

BENSON-KEYES - Montauk Hwy., BH. By appt. 917-509-1379 or elainebensongallery@gmail.com

SPRINGSTEEL GALLERY - 419 Main Street, GP. Sat, Sun, 11a.m.- 5 p.m. springsteelgallery.com. 631-477-6818.

BOLTAX - 21 Ferry Rd., SI. 631-749-4062. boltax-gallery.com

CELADON CLAY ART - 41 Old Mill Rd., WM. 631-726-2547.

CHRYSALIS - 2 Main St., SH. Thurs-Mon, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 631-287-1883.

CHUCK SEAMAN FISH PRINTING - 27B Gardner's Lane, HB. 631-338-7977.

D'AMICO INSTITUTE - Lazy Point, AMG. Furnishings, found objects. 631-267-3172.

DESHUK-RIVERS - 141 Maple Ln., BH. 631-237-4511. deshukriversgallery.com

DRAWING ROOM - 16R Newtown Ln., EH. Works by Robert Harms, Jennifer Bartlett, Mel Kendrick and Alan Shields through 3/28 (closed 2/17-3/17). Hours: Fri, Sat, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 631 324.5016, drawingroom-gallery.com

EAST END ARTS COUNCIL GALLERY – Members Show: Miniatures through 2/25. 133 East Main St., RVHD. (631) 727-0900. eastendarts.org

FLOWERS AT THE GREENERY - 19 Mitchell Rd., WHB. 631-288-7903.

GALERIE BELAGE - 8 Moniebogue Ln., WHB. 631-288-5082.

GALLERYB - 150 Main St., SGH. 631-725-1059. the-galleryb.com

GREEN EARTH CAFÉ DES ARTISTES GALLERY - 50 East Main St., RVHD. Through 2/16. "Grey Gardens," celebrating the 35th anniversary of the movie premiere at Lincoln Center. Works by Lois Wright, Don Duga, Frank Latorre, Mym Tuma, Richard LaRovere and A.F. Wargo. 631-369-2233. genfm.com

GUILD HALL – "Main Street, East Hampton" Annual Student Art Festival: Part I Grades K-8" on view through 2/27. Fri & Sat, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Sun, noon-5 p.m. 158 Main St., EH. 631-324-4050. guildhall.org

HAMBURG KENNEDY - 64 Jobs Ln., SH. 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Wed-Sun. hamburgkennedy.com

JILL LYNN & CO - 66 Jobs Ln., SH. The Language of Painting by Jen Brown. jilllynnandco.com

LEIBER MUSEUM - 446 Old Stone Hwy, SPG. 631-329-3288. leibermuseum.org

LUCILLE KHORNAK - 2400 Montauk Hwy, BH.

MARK BORGHI FINE ART - 2426 Main St., BH. 631-537-7245.

OUTEAST - 65 Tuthill Rd., MTK. 631-375-6730.

PAILLETTS - 78 Main St., SGH. 631-899-4070.

PAMELA WILLIAMS - 167 Main St., AMG. 631-267-7817. pamelawilliamsgallery.com

PARASKEVAS - Michael Paraskevas' work/children's book illustrations. By appt. 83 Main St., WHB. 631-287-1665.

PARRISH ART MUSEUM - 25 Jobs Ln., SH. Museum open Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. 631-283-2118. parrishartmuseum.com

POLLOCK KRASNER - 830 Springs Fireplace Rd., EH. 631-324-4929.

PRITAM & EAMES - 27 Race Ln., EH. Furniture. Open Mon-Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun noon-4 p.m., closed Wed. 631-324-7111.

RICHARD J. DEMATO FINE ARTS - 90 Main St., SGH. 631-725-1161.

ROMANY KRAMORIS - 41 Main St., SGH. 631-725-2499. kramorisgallery.com

ROSALIE DIMON - 370 Manor Ln., JP. Noon-6 p.m. daily. 631-722-0500. jamesportmanorinn.com

RVS - 20 Jobs Ln., SH. Noon-5 p.m. Thurs-Mon. 631-283-8546.

SALON XAVIER - 1A Bay St., SH. Works by Athos Zacharias. 631-725-6400.

SIRENS SONG - 516 Main St., GP. 631-477-1021. sirensongallery.com

SPRINGSTEEL GALLERY - 419 Main St., GP. Sat, Sun, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. springsteelgallery.com. 631-477-6818.

SOLAR - 44 Davids Ln., EH. 631-907-8422. artsolar.com

SUFFOLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 300 East Main St., RVHD. Photography exhibition of new and historic images, through 2/12. Tues-Sat, 12:30-4:30 p. m. 631-727-2881. suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org

SURFACE - 845 Springs-Fireplace Rd., EH. New works by resident artists, ceramist Bob Bachler, painter James Kennedy. 631-291-9061. surfacelibrary.com

THOMAS ARTHUR GALLERIES - 54 Montauk Hwy, AMG. 18th and 20th Century Oil Paintings and Prints. New shows monthly. 631-324-9070. antiquesvalue.net

TRAPANI FINE ART - 447 Plandome Rd., Manhasset. 516-365-6014. trapanifineart.com

VERED - 68 Park Pl., EH. Annual Winter Group Exhibition on display until 2/21. Photographer Gideon Lewin, studio manager for Richard Avedon. Also drawings, paintings and photographs by Avery, Bluhm, Dash, de Kooning, Fischl, Kahn, Klein, Picasso, Pollock, Rivers, Slonem, Warhol and many others. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun-Thurs, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Fri, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat. 631-324-3303. veredart.com

WATER MILL ATELIERS - 903 Mtk. Hwy., WM. Lon Hamaekers: Photography, Art and 20th Century Antiques. 917-838-4548. lonhamaekers.1stdibs.com

WATER MILL MUSEUM - 41 Old Mill Rd. WM. 631-726-4625. watermillmuseum.org

MOVIES

Schedule for the week of
Friday, February 4 to Thursday, February 10.
Movie schedules are subject to change.
Always call to confirm shows and times.

HAMPTON ARTS (WESTHAMPTON BEACH) (+)
Please call for show times (631-288-2600).

SAG HARBOR CINEMA (+)

Theater closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Please call for show times (631-725-0010).
Rabbit Hole (PG13) - Fri, 5:00; Sat, Sun, 2:00, 6:15; Mon, Thurs, 5:00
The Housemaid - Fri, 7:00; Sat, Sun, 4:00, 8:00; Mon, Thurs, 7:00

UA EAST HAMPTON (+)

Please call for show times (631-324-0448).
The King's Speech (R)
The Green Hornet 3D (PG-13)
The Fighter (R)
The Black Swan (R)
No Strings Attached (R)
Beautiful (R)

UA HAMPTON BAYS (+)
Please call for show times (631-728-8535).

No Strings Attached (R) - Fri, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40; Sat, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40; Sun, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10; Mon-Thurs 4:10, 7:10
The Mechanic (R) - Fri, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30; Sat, 1:30, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30; Sun, 1:30, 4:40, 7:00, Mon-Thurs, 4:40, 7:00
The Black Swan (R) - Fri, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; Sat, 1:40, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; Sun, 1:40, 4:20, 7:20; Mon-Thurs 4:20, 7:20
Sanctum (R) - Fri, 4:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sat, 1:00, 4:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun, 1:00, 4:00, 7:30; Mon-Thurs, 4:00 7:30
The Rite (PG-13) - Fri, 4:30, 7:40, 10:15; Sat, 1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:15; Sun, 1:20, 4:30, 7:40; Mon-Thurs 4:30, 7:40

UA SOUTHAMPTON
Please call for show times (631-287-2774).
True Grit (PG-13) - Fri, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; Sat, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; Sun 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; Mon-Thurs, 4:15, 7:15
The King's Speech (R) - Fri, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45, Sat, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; Sun, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Mon-Thurs, 4:00, 7:00
The Roommate (PG-13) - Fri, 4:45, 7:40, 10:00; Sat, 1:45, 4:45, 7:40, 10:00; Sun, 1:45, 4:45, 7:40; Mon-Thurs, 4:45, 7:40
The Dilemma (PG-13) - Fri, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10, Sat, 1:10, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10; Sun, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; Mon-Thurs, 4:30, 7:30

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The Fighter (R)
The Black Swan (R)

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Food & Dining

SIMPLE ART OF COOKING

by Silvia Lehrer

Salsa, chips, chilies and guacamole are some of the most popular foods to serve on that unofficial mid-winter holiday, Super Bowl Sunday. And the all-time favorite is chicken wings, Buffalo style or any other style.

The most famous chicken wing recipe of all is the Buffalo Chicken Wings recipe created in Buffalo, New York, and adapted by Sheila Lukens of The Silver Palate fame in her *U.S.A. Cookbook*, 1997 (Workman Publishing Company). Ms. Lukens pays homage to the originators at the Anchor Bar in Buffalo when she writes how the son of the owners asked for a snack for himself and some friends. The owners had received an overload of chicken wings, so they fried them up, bathed them in a hot sauce and served them with the house blue cheese. The rest, as they say, is culinary history.

My second-favorite chicken wing recipe was taught at my former cooking school, Cooktique, by a talented instructor, Arlene Battifarano. Arlene's Asian Peanutty Chicken Wings have stood the test of time. The do-ahead wings are bathed in a cooked Asian marinade, then baked until a deep dark rich color, rolled in chopped unsalted peanuts and garnished with scallion brushes. I promise you a special Super Bowl Sunday treat when you serve these delicious wings.

BUFFALO CHICKEN WINGS

Serves 4 to 6

4 large celery ribs, trimmed
4 large carrots, peeled
4 pounds chicken wings (about 24), tips removed, rinsed and patted dry
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
2 tablespoons Tabasco sauce, or more to taste
1 cup peanut oil
1 cup vegetable oil
Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
Maytag Blue Dip (recipe follows)

1. Cut the celery and carrots into sticks, and set aside for serving.

2. Using a sharp knife separate the wings at the joint so you have a drumstick and thigh. Set aside.

3. Melt the butter with the Tabasco in a small saucepan. Transfer it to a large bowl and set aside.

4. Heat the peanut and vegetable oils in a deep heavy pot over medium-high heat. Once the oil is 375°F, cook the thighs and drumsticks in small batches, until they are golden brown and cooked through, about 10 minutes. As they finish cooking, remove them with tongs and place them on paper towels to drain, Then place the wings in the bowl with the Tabasco mixture to coat. Season with coarse salt and pepper.

5. Serve the wings immediately with the celery and carrot sticks and Maytag Blue Dip alongside.

MAYTAG BLUE DIP

This dip is for Buffalo Chicken Wings. However, it's also scrumptious with fresh vegetables, as a salad dressing over tart greens, or even on top of hamburgers.

1 cup sour cream
1 cup mayonnaise
3/4 cup coarsely crumbled Maytag Blue cheese
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
2 dashes Tabasco sauce
1 tablespoon grated onion
1/2 teaspoon very finely minced garlic
2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

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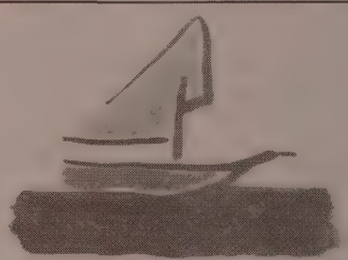

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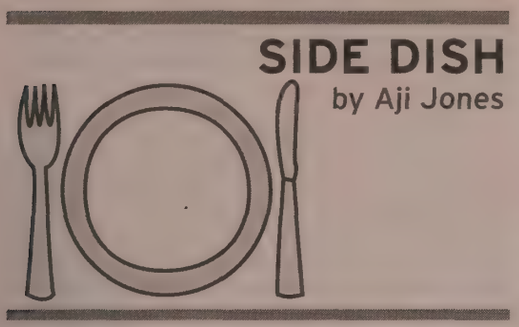

Townline BBQ in Sagaponack offers several Super Bowl XLV specials on Sunday, February 6. In-house offers include: $6 pint cooler specials, fresh lime margaritas, MTO Sangria, and Townline Dawg; beer for $4/pint and $15/pitcher; $3 fried Buffalo rib tips, $3 wings plus free popcorn, peanuts and TL hush puppies. Take-home specials are also available. 631-537-2271.

LT Burger in Sag Harbor offers Super Bowl Sunday specials from 5 to 10 p.m. Dishes include: "3rd and Long," (3) three-ounce burger patties with American cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, red onions and pickle-mayo on a potato bun ($15); and "The Super Bowl" with tortilla chips, cheddar and pepper jack cheese, jalapenos, house-smoked jerk chicken, refried black beans, sour cream and salsa ($11).

LT Burger will also offer a $24 three-course prix fixe on Valentine's Day in addition to blackboard specials. Offerings include: cream of butternut squash soup, salmon burger, apple tatin for two, and peaches and cream milkshake. 631-899-4646.

Red/bar brasserie in Southampton will open for dinner every Wednesday to Sunday at 6 p.m. beginning February 9, and will open Monday, February 14 for Valentine's Day dinner. A three-course $35 prix fixe will be offered in addition to the a la carte menu with items such as: truffled chicken breast with wild mushroom risotto and French beans, or pan-seared sea scallops with white turnips, Swiss chard, preserved lemon and pine nuts. 631-283-0704.

MUSE Restaurant & Aquatic Lounge in Water Mill will serve their signature $24.95 three-course prix fixe and Valentine's Day specials all night long starting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, February 10 through Monday, February 14. Dishes include: baby greens in a Roma tomato balsamic sour, feathered cucumbers, and crumbled Boursin cheese in a tomato bowl; BBQ'ed brick-baked half cornish game hen with drunken Southern style collard greens, whipped butternut squash and red eye gravy. Specials may feature champagne shrimp with artichoke hummus. 631-726-2606.

In honor of Valentine's Day, **Cuvée Bistro & Bar** in Greenport will open for one special night on Friday, February 11 serving a four-course prix fixe. Cost is $39 per person for the 5 p.m. seating and $59 per person for 7 and 9 p.m. seatings. Beverages, gratuity and tax are not included. The menu includes: house-made pâté with local duck, port and black truffles, cornichons and dijon garnish; cabernet-marinated filet mignon served au jus with a wild mushroom tartlette; and dark Belgian chocolate mousse. 631-477-0066.

Nick & Toni's in East Hampton will open for Valentine's Day, Monday, February 14 serving a la carte specials from 6 p.m. Specials include: pan-roasted halibut, cream braised leeks, American caviar and Satur Farms mache ($38); and chocolate ganache torta with passion fruit sorbetto ($12). A special aperitif and complimentary house chocolate truffles will also be served. 631-324-3550.

Fresno in East Hampton will also serve Valentine's Day dinner offering specials plus two- and three-course prix fixes, for $28 and $30. Offerings may include: slow braised beef short ribs with creamy polenta and local apple gremolata; and classic vanilla crème brulée. 631-324-8700.

The Living Room Restaurant c/o The Maidstone in East Hampton will serve a special Valentine's Day four-course menu with a glass of champagne for $95 per person. The dinner may be paired with select wines for an additional $35. Dishes include: Howard Pickerel "Peconic Pride" oysters with a champagne mignonette; and traditional Swedish Veal Oscar, with lobster, potato cake, asparagus and sauce béarnaise. 631-324-5006.

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Fold the sour cream and mayonnaise together in a bowl. Add the blue cheese and fold gently. Fold in the remaining ingredients and adjust the seasoning to taste. Refrigerate, covered, until ready to use. The sauce will keep about a week.

Reprinted from Sheila Lukens' *U.S.A. Cookbook*, 1997, Workman Publishing Company.

ASIAN PEANUTTY CHICKEN WINGS

A platter of these crispy and flavorful wings garnished with scallion brushes makes a colorful and dramatic presentation.

Yield 36-40 pieces

18-20 chicken wings

Have on hand:
2 large foil baking pans
Waxed paper

Marinade
1/2 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup dry sherry
1/3 cup hoisin sauce
1/4 cup plum sauce
1 bunch scallions, sliced thin
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1/4 cup rice vinegar
2 1/2 tablespoons honey
2 pods whole star anise, broken into pieces

To finish
1 1/2 cups unsalted peanuts, coarsely chopped
Scallion brushes for garnish, optional

1. Remove all excess fat and pinfeathers from chicken wings. Cut away and discard wing tips; then cut through the second joint so you have two wing sections. Rinse clean and pat dry with paper towels.

2. In a small saucepan, combine remaining marinade ingredients and stir to mix. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then adjust heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Set aside to cool completely.

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BOBBY VAN'S - Steakhouse classics and fresh fish. Open 363 days a year for lunch, dinner and weekend brunch. Kitchen open Fri. & Sat. 'til 11 p.m. Main St., Bridgehampton. 631-537-0590.

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HAMPTON COFFEE COMPANY - Espresso Bar, Bakery, Café, and Coffee Roastery. Full-service breakfast and lunch in Water Mill. Dan's Papers "Best of the Best!" 6 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Locations on Montauk Highway in Water Mill (next to Green Thumb) and Mill Road in Westhampton Beach (Six Corners Roundabout at BNB). 631-726-COFE. Hamptoncoffeecompany.com.

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PHAO RESTAURANT - Features stylish décor and fabulous food. Traditional Thai dishes such as Pad Thai and nouvelle ethnic cuisine such as Pork Spare Ribs are each delicious in their own way. Open year-round Wed.,-Sun. at 5:30 p.m. 29 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0101. phaorestaurant.com.

PIERRE'S - Euro-chic but casual restaurant and bar. Late dinner and bar on weekdays. Wonderful French food for the elegant diner in a great atmosphere. Open seven days. Brunch Fri.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 2468 Main Street, Bridgehampton, 631-537-5110.

RACE LANE - An American restaurant with some continental asides. The modern building was designed by Norman Jaffe. Guests can sit by the fire on couches with cocktails, such as the "Race Lane Shandy" ($9, Pilsner, St. Germain, club soda) or the "Torquay" ($14, gin, muddled cucumber and lemon served in a Prosecco float). Open year-round at 31 Race Lane, East Hampton, 631-324-5022.

SEN RESTAURANT - Sen favorites include Chicken or Beef Teriyaki, Shrimp Tempura and Soba Noodle dishes, served alongside an incredible selection of Sushi and Sashimi. Flavorful salads and side dishes available. Open at 5:30 p.m. every day. 23 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-1774, senrestaurant.com.

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3. Place wings in a shallow glass (Pyrex or ceramic) and pour the cooled marinade over all. Turn the chicken wings in the marinade to coat. Cover and refrigerate several hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 375° F.

4. With tongs transfer wings to a disposable aluminum baking pan. (This is the only time I recommend using this type of pan for cooking. The sugars in the marinade would make for difficult clean-up in a regular roasting pan.) Bake for 1 hour and 20 minutes, turning wings half way during the cooking. Baste with marinade every 20 minutes or so. When wings are a rich, dark color, remove from oven.

5. Spread chopped peanuts on a sheet of waxed paper and roll each wing section in the nuts to coat evenly. Arrange on a serving platter a couple of hours before serving and garnish with scallion brushes, if using. Serve at room temperature.

Note: For scallion brushes, trim off any bruised greens, then slash scallions away from core end and drop into a bowl of ice water. Ends of brushes will curl up after an hour or two.

DAY BY DAY

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BENEFITS

GOT MARROW NY? – Sat., Feb. 12, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., East Quogue Fire Station, 465 Montauk Hwy., E. Q. Help to save lives by matching your marrow to those in need. You can even test yourself at home, check out got-marrowny.org. Specifically seeking matches for our local friends Tommy Corrigan and Matthew Curran.

CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION GRAND OPENING – 3-5 p.m., Sat., Feb. 12, Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation's New Thrift Shop, 85 & 87 Job's Ln., SH. Home furnishings, Designer clothing, art & more, 631-728-PETS, Thrift Shop 631-287-PETS, southamptonanimalshelter.com.

SPAY DAY 2011 – Feb. 24-26, Free/Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic, ARF, 90 Daniel's Hole Rd., WS. Call to qualify 631-537-0400 ext. 207. Free microchipping for all cats. Arfhamptons.org.

SOUTHAMPTON COAT DRIVE – drop off men's winter coats at Southampton Tire on Main St., SH, across from 7-Eleven.

CLOTHING DRIVE FOR WORKERS IN EAST HAMPTON – What are needed are jackets (not full-length coats, too hard to work in) sweaters, sweatshirts, knit hats or earmuffs and, most especially, GLOVES. Call 917-224-7098 to arrange pickup,

FARMERS MARKET

SAG HARBOR INDOOR WINTER FARMERS MARKET – Sat., Feb. 19, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 34 Bay St., SGH.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

THE JAM SESSION – 7 to 9 p.m., Bay Street Theatre, 1 Bay St., SGH. Baystreet.org. Free.

OTHER PEOPLES' MONEY – 8 p.m. Levitas Center for the Arts, SH. Through Feb. 6. Sun. matinees at 2: 30 p.m. $10-$22, scc-arts.org. 631-287-4377

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, WEAR RED DAY

18th ANNUAL AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY - raise awareness of cardiovascular disease. For more info call or e-mail Jessica DiMeo at 516-450-9111, dimeo@heart.org.

CANDLELIGHT FRIDAY – 5-8 p.m. Wolffer Wine Tasting Room, SGK. Featuring live music. No cover charge, wines by the glass, cheese and charcuterie plates. Wolffer.com. 631-537-5106

FINEST IN WORLD CINEMA – *Today's Special* - 7:30 p.m. Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main St., WHB. 631-288-1500, also Sun., Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. whbpac.org. $3-$10

THE PICTURE SHOW AT BAY STREET THEATRE – 8 p.m. *Lena Horne in Stormy Weather,* $5 at the door. For the $25 "Dinner and a Movie" prix fixe dinner package, call The American Hotel at 631-725-3535. Bay St. Theatre, 1 Bay St., SGH. Baystreet.org.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

SPRINGS FLEA MARKET AT ASHAWAGH HALL – 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Corner of Springs Fireplace Rd & Old Stone Hwy Springs. 10 + vendors selling vintage jewelry, original jewelry, industrial finds, lab glass, cast-iron bird feeders, small furniture, pottery, etc., 917-751-6199. Also same hours tomorrow, 2/6.

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY HIKE – 10 a.m. Whiskey Hill Loop. Meet on Mill Path off Lopers Path East, BH. Dai Dayton, 631-745-0689. southamptontrails.org. Free.

Motown Legends, Feb. 5

PICK OF THE WEEK

Sat., Feb. 5, HarborFrost, Sag Harbor. See listing below.

Tim Lee

Springs Flea Market February 5 & 6

AUTHOR TALK - 1 p.m., Ted Rall talks about his latest book, *The Anti-American Manifesto*, East Hampton Library, Main St, EH. Reservations at 631-324-0222 ext.3, easthamptonlibrary.org.

FREE HARBORFROST JAM SESSION CONCERT – 3 p.m., Bay Street Theatre, 1 Bay St., SGH. Baystreet.org.

HARBORFROST – 3-6 p.m. Main St. & Long Wharf, Sag Harbor Village. Ice sculptures, fireworks, retail sales promotions, $20. 11 restaurant specials. sagharborchamber.com. 631-725-1700. *See feature on page 17.*

CHAMPAGNE PREVIEW OF EXHIBITION – 5 p.m. Parrish Art Museum, 25 Job's Ln., SH. Advance reservations required, 631-283-2118 ext. 49, membership@parrishart.org. $500 and up. parrishart.org.

LEGENDS OF MOTOWN – 8 p.m., Bay Street Theatre, 1 Bay St., SGH. $20, 631-725-9500, baystreettheatre.org., jordansinitiative.com

NEKO CASE – 8 p.m. Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main St., $40-$70. 631-288-1500. Whbpac.org.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY HIKE – 10 a.m. Three Mile Harbor Perambulation. Meet at the end of Sammy's Beach Rd., EH. May be wet; boots suggested. Irwin Levy, 516-456-1337 or irwintlevy@gmail.com. southamptontrails.org. Free.

BOB MARLEY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – 10 p.m., Blue Sky Mediterranean Lounge, 63 Main St., SGH. Come by with friends and let the cool tunes of Bob Marley and Friends take you away! Snow? What Snow?,631-702-5822. $10

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

JAZZ JAM AT THE PIZZA PLACE – 6-8 p.m. Montauk Hwy, BH, opposite Bridgehampton Commons. 631-537-7865. Free.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

SAG HARBOR COAT DRIVE – Drop off or pick up coats Tue. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Old Whalers Church, 44 Union St., SGH. sagharborcommunityfoodpantry.org.

WEEKLY LIFE DRAWING CLASS – 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Veterans Hall, 2 Pond Ln., SH. 631-725-5851.

BALLET IN CINEMA: VIVALDI'S CALIGULA - 1:30 p.m. Live from the Paris Opera, Parrish Art Museum, 25 Job's Ln., SH. $17/$20. Parrishart.org. 631-283-2118.

ART & DINE SERIES - 6:30 p.m. The Living Room, 207 Main St., EH. This dinner features local personalities, artist Dan Rizzie and bestselling author Steven Gaines - meet and greet with the special guests followed by a prix fixe dinner of two courses prepared by Executive Chef James Carpenter, cookie plate for dessert with a glass of wine. After dinner Gaines will lead a lively discussion with Rizzie. $36 per person plus tax and gratuity. The next event in the series will be March 8. Reservations, 631-324-5006, themaidstone.com.

Bowl Names

By Richard C. Ilse

In the beginning bowl games were rare and special events. There was the Orange, Sugar, Cotton and Rose Bowls, among a few others. Now there are 35 of them, with the names probably being more interesting than the games themselves. In fact, you could plan an entire journey based solely on the names alone. What an experience that could be…

You begin at the Ticket City Bowl so you can attend the other 34 games, then onto the Capital One Bowl for some extra spending money and the Compass Bowl for directions from there. However, before that, to ready your car for the trip, you go to the Meineke Car Care Bowl and the Macco Bowl, with further detailing done at the Pinstripe Bowl.

Your meals along the way are taken care of at the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl, the Outback Bowl, the Beef O'Brady Bowl and of course – the Fiesta Bowl. Then you stop at the Insight Bowl to decide what's next.

How about some music at the New Orleans Bowl? Or better yet, the Music City Bowl? Don't forget that you're on vacation so you have to stop by the Holiday Bowl, with a few hours layover at the Sun Bowl to catch some rays. Then it's onto the Alamo Bowl with a side trip to the Texas Bowl (redundant as it may seem).

Since we believe in liberty we have to go to that bowl too, before attending the Military Bowl and the Armed Services Bowl to make sure we can have an Independence Bowl. Finally, after you leave the Humanitarian Bowl and before you attend the Fight Hunger Bowl, stop by the Orange and Sugar Bowls so you have something to bring as a donation.

On your way home, drop by the Champ Sports Bowl and the Poinsettia Bowl to get some gifts for your family, whom you haven't seen for awhile now.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

EVENING OF BEAUTY – Seminar on Face & Body Contouring, 6 p.m. Office of Dr. Alexander J. Covey, M.D, 325 Meeting House Ln., Bldg. 1, Suite D, SH. Reg. req'd. 631-878-9200, drcovey.com. Free.

PLAYMAKING CLASS – 6 p.m. Bay Street Theatre, 1 Bay St., SGH. 631-725-0818 ext. 108, Murphy@baystreet.org, through April 20, $375. Baystreet.org.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY ANNUAL WINTER DINNER - 6 p.m. at 75 Main, SH. 631-537-5202. southamptontrails.org.

THE JAM SESSION – 7 p.m. Bay Street Theatre, 1 Bay St., SGH. baystreet.org. Free.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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LETTERS

TOO MUCH VIOLENCE IN THE WORLD
Dear Dan,

The shootings in Tucson are a dramatic reminder that we are one of the world's most violent societies. Violence governs our foreign relations, our sports and video games, and our daily diet.

Yes, our diet. Desensitization to violence begins in the home, when parents assure their naturally inquisitive, animal-loving children that chickens "give" eggs, cows "give" milk, and that pigs "give" their flesh for us to eat. The horrific daily violence and barbaric slaughter visited on these innocent animals and subsidized by us at the checkout counter gets buried in our subconscious mind.

Once our kids have learned to live with the violence of their diet, how much of a stretch is it to wile away their idle hours on video games like "Mortal Kombat," "Manhunt," or "Grand Theft Auto?" How likely is this experience then to govern how they resolve a social confrontation in their neighborhood or a military one in an Afghan village?

Most of us abhor violence, but we don't know how to prevent it. Giving our kids an honest answer when they ask, "Mommy, where do hamburgers come from?" is certainly a great start.

Sincerely,
Brody Warden
Calverton

Yeah, it'll get 'em off hamburgers. –DR

COME BACK TO THE HAMPTONS
Dear Dan,

I have been happily renting a house in the Hamptons every summer for more than 30 years, most frequently in Wainscott and Sagaponack. This past July I rented in East Hampton for four weeks and duly put down a security and utilities deposit of $2,700. Despite having sent two certified letters to the owner who lives on Park Avenue in New York, I have been unable to contact her and none of the money has been refunded. Unfortunately I spent very little time in the house as I developed an allergy to something in the air conditioning system and left a week early.

The well-known real estate agency promptly referred to the small print in the contract, which made it clear that they had a hands-off policy and citing privacy concerns, would not give me the owner's e-mail address. Her telephone number in New York has not answered for six months, except to say that the mailbox is filled.

Does the Town have any mechanism for an appeal? There was a time when the Town Crier would loudly proclaim the injustice and the guilty party, publicly embarrassed, would settle her debts. Alas, no more.

Any advice would be most appreciated.
Dorothy S. Zinberg
Cambridge, MA

That was before the Declaration of Independence and the right to be considered innocent until proven guilty. –DR

THANKS TO DAN'S PAPERS, MY VOICE IS HEARD
Dear Dan,

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Sincerely,
Larry Penner
Great Neck

Yup.–DR

SHELTERED REAL ESTATE
Dear Dan,

First, want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year, may all of your wishes and dreams come true!!

In spite of Barbara Corcoran's grim report about the real estate market through cyber space and on an AOL site, things on Shelter Island are not so grim, nor were they ever!

My office has been doing a good business and we are already into "The Summer of '11" mode with rental inquiries as well as home sale inquiries. Although not up to what we would like, we all know that Shelter Island is a special place and certainly marches to a different drummer than the other areas of the Eastern End of Long Island.

Just go to our Chamber of Commerce web site or the Town of Shelter Island web site, to see all of the great things that are happening here.

Look forward to hearing from you and again wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Best,
Georgiana Ketcham
Shelter Island

Shelter Island is a world of its own. –DR

POLICE BLOTTER

Beware of Black Ice

There were a lot of minor accidents throughout the Hamptons thanks to black ice catching good drivers off guard. Black ice happens when water freezes over the pavement on the road, causing a slick of ice that is hard to see while you are driving. When the temperature is below freezing always make sure that you are on black ice alert so you don't end up with a fender bender!

Stealing to Recycle

A man in East Hampton reported to police that somebody stole the recycling permit that he keeps on his car. At least the perpetrator has a good conscience about the environment.

Shelter Island

Old Man McGumbus lit the signal flame above his house to organize the Shelter Island League of Extraordinary Gentlemen for a meeting about the recent hippie sighting that was reported at the hardware store. "He was a young man wearing a scarf, we just can't have that," reported Old Man McGumbus at the meeting.

Heroin

A big heroin bust last week lead to the arrest of many drug dealers, including a 27-year-old man from Hampton Bays who used to run drugs from a heroin house in Queens. There have been reports of rampant heroin use among teenagers all over the country. Let's go to all-out war on this drug. Heroin is considered the most addictive and most dangerous narcotic out there and its use has been growing on Long Island.

Stolen Phone

A man in Southampton reported that his phone had been stolen and that it was filled with pictures he didn't want anybody to see. Be careful what you put on your phone people!

At the Register

A woman who worked at a retail store was arrested after she was caught stealing cash from the register in Bridgehampton. She was caught after video surveillance documented her stealing the cash.

Tough Dog

A North Fork resident is dealing with a dogthat won't stop barking while she is trying to sleep. Instead of calling the police or attempting to sue her neighbor, however, she went over andtalked to her neighbor about the noise and offered to buy the dog extra dog treats to keep it quiet at night.

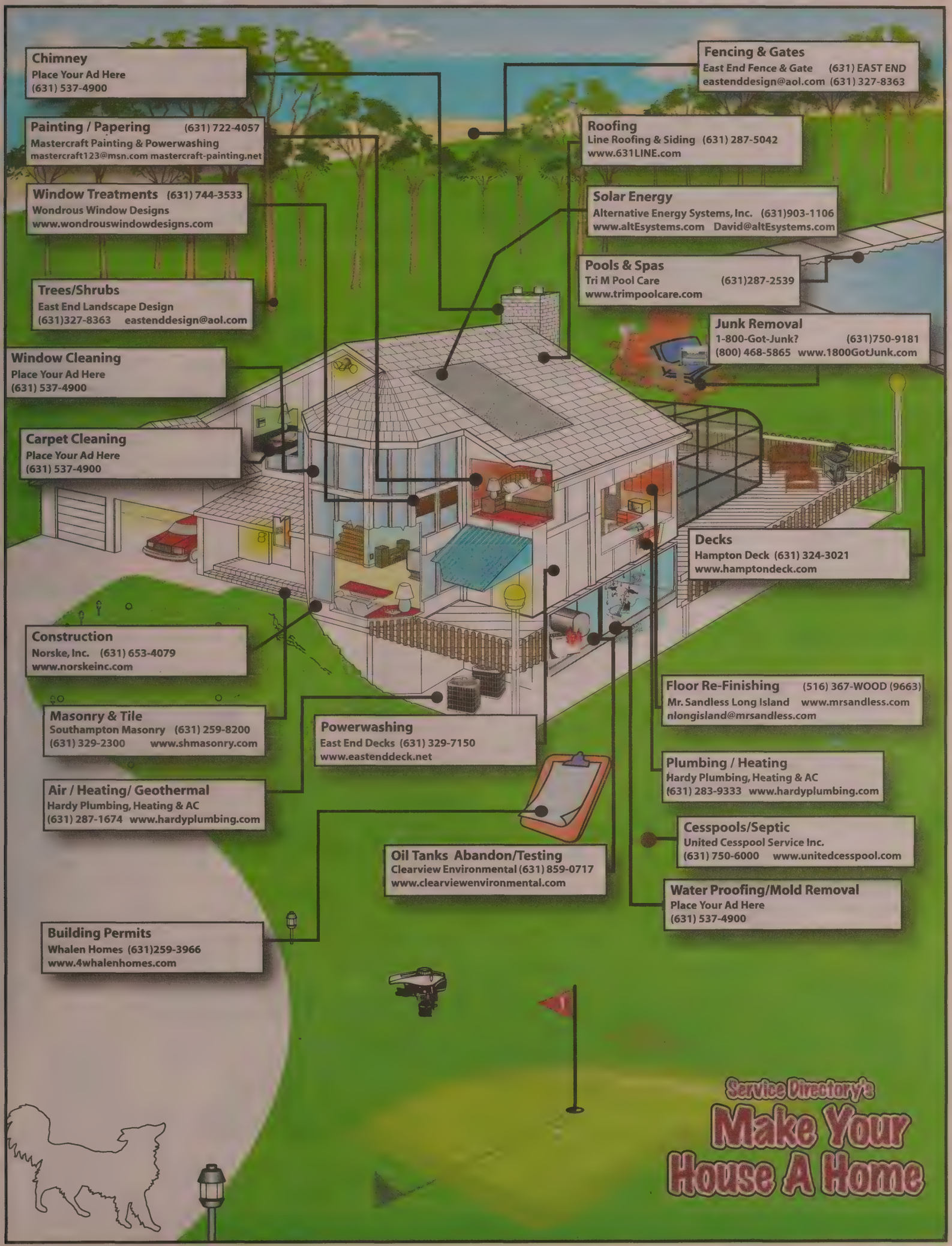
–David Lion Rattiner

LOOK WHO CAME TO DINNER
Dear Dan,

I have heard of all sorts of wild birds roaming the Hamptons, from the wild turkeys to the guinea hens. However, I never suspected to find this treat, sunning himself on my front porch. I have no idea where he came from, but it was a joy to see.

All the best,
Peter Farmer

That's a peacock loose from NBC. – DR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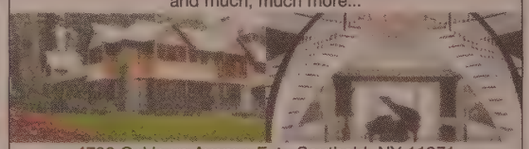

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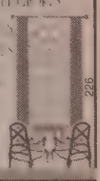
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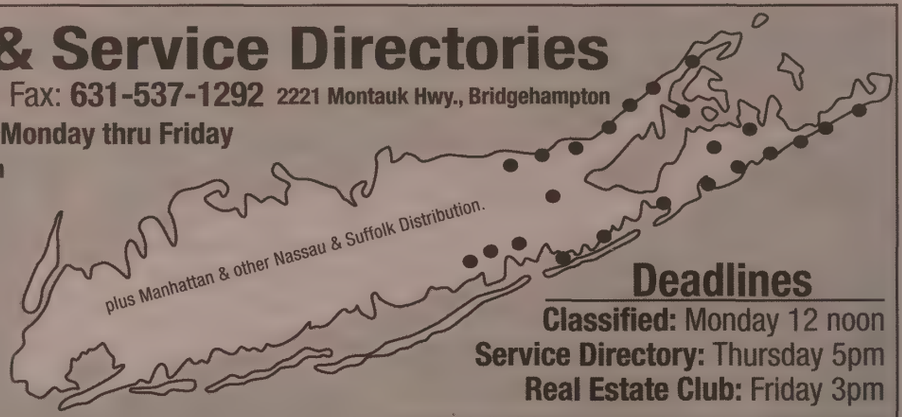

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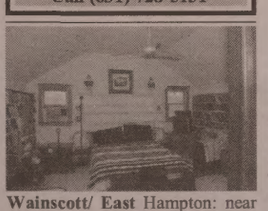

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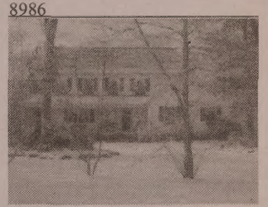

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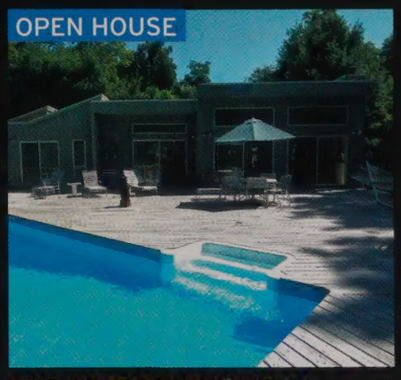

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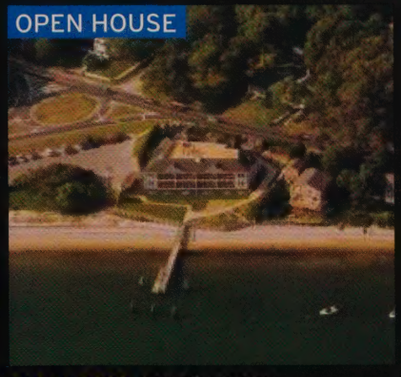

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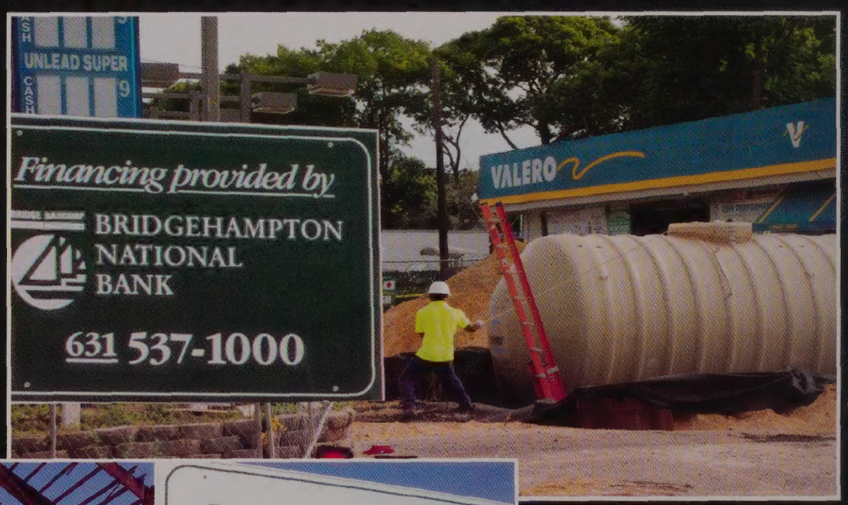

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